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THE HEDGEHOG



UNBURYING THE HATCHET

GYA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
AT LONG LAST!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IS MY CAPTIVE!

MEH.
YOU'VE
CAUGHT ME
BEFORE. I'LL
BE OUT OF
HERE IN NO
TIME.



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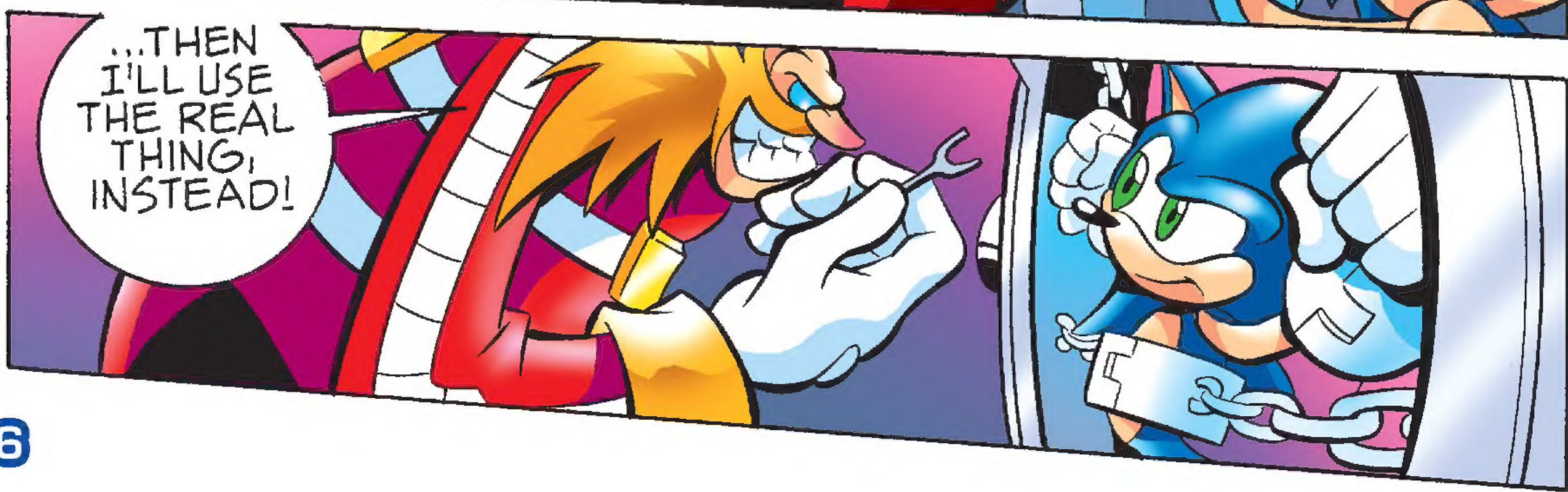
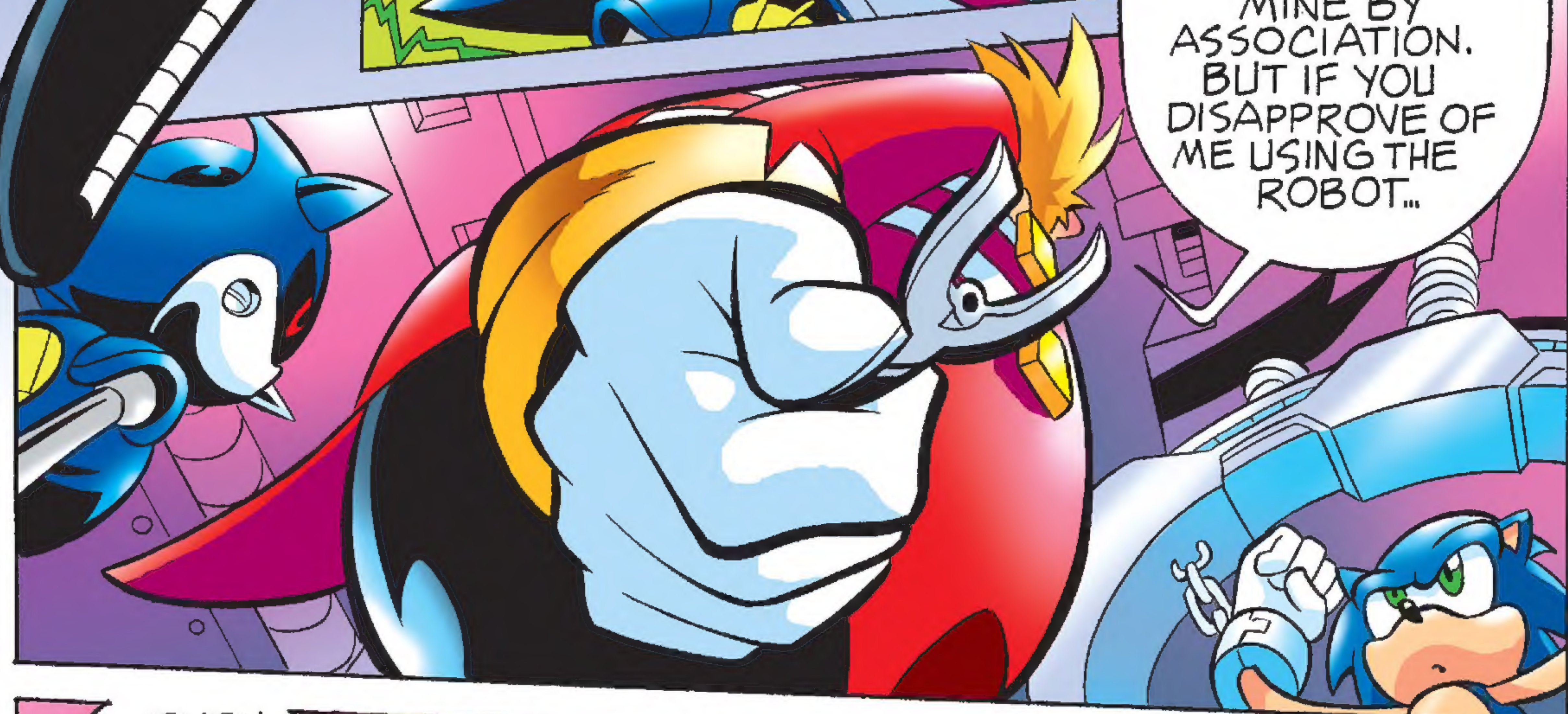
TOO TRUE, BUT NOT IN THE WAY YOU THINK. OH, IT'S SUCH A WONDERFUL FEELING TO HAVE MY HATED NEMESIS AT MY MERCY!



GIVE IT A REST, EGGMAN. METAL SONIC DID ALL THE WORK, AND YOU KNOW IT.



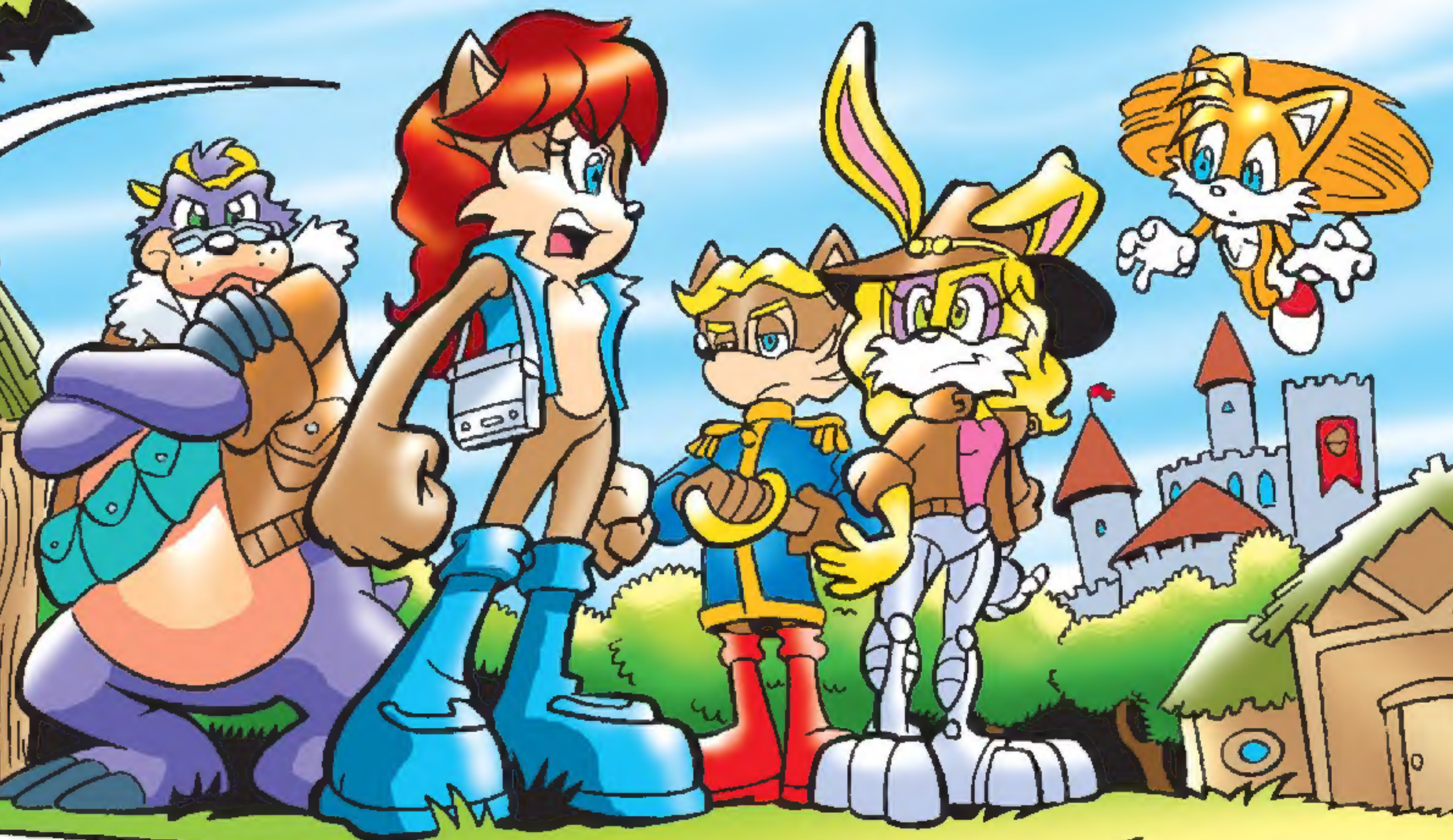
YES, WELL... I BUILT METAL SONIC, SO THE VICTORY IS MINE BY ASSOCIATION. BUT IF YOU DISAPPROVE OF ME USING THE ROBOT...



...THEN I'LL USE THE REAL THING, INSTEAD!

KNOTHOLE.

IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE METAL SONIC DRAGGED SONIC TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS. WE STILL HAVE TIME TO MOUNT A RESCUE MISSION.

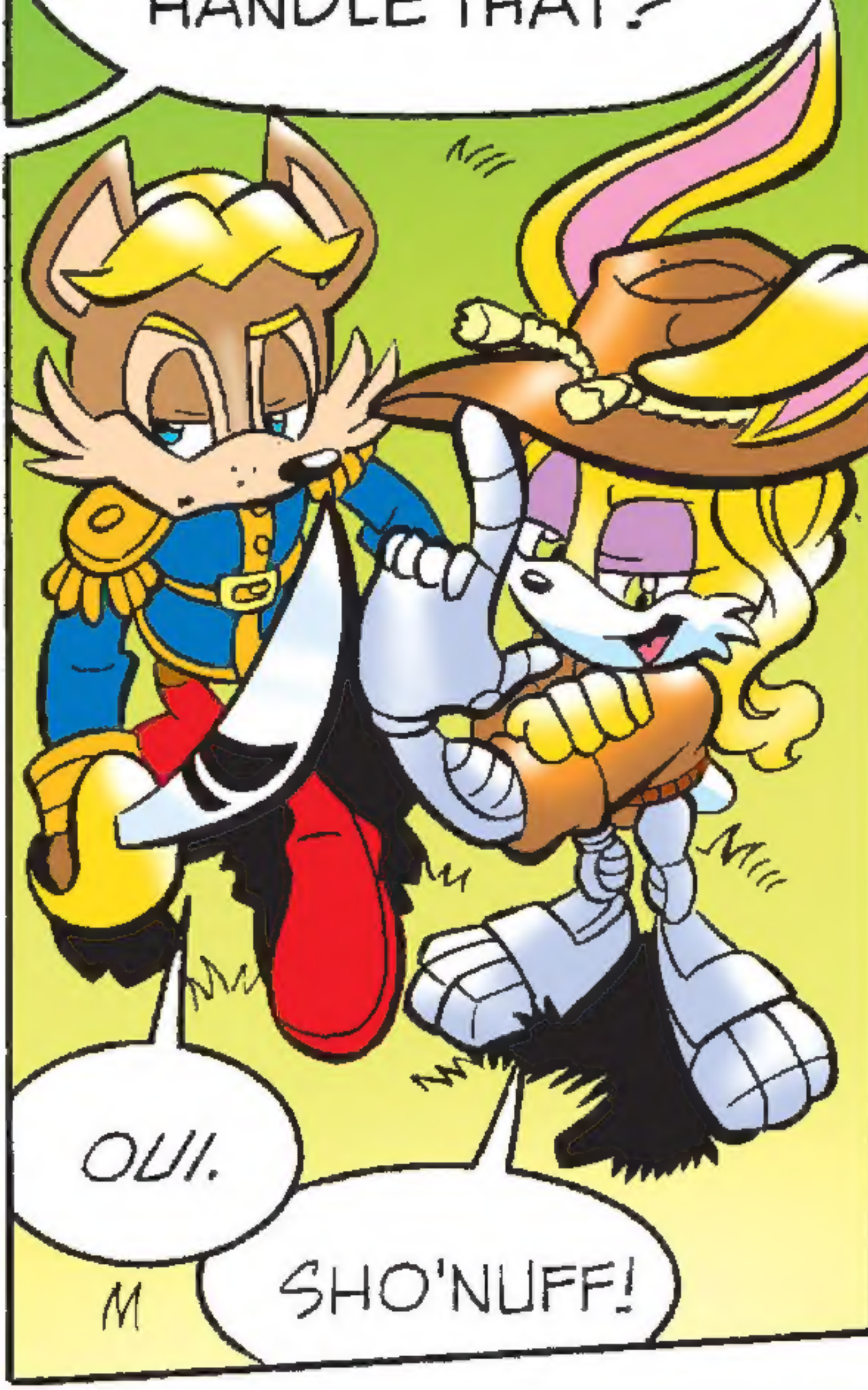


ROTOR, YOU TAKE NICOLE AND MONITOR US DURING THE MISSION.

WILL-DO, PRINCESS!



ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT! YOU'LL BE PROVIDING OFFENSIVE SUPPORT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?



OUI.

SHO'NUFF!



WHAT ABOUT ME, SALLY?

I'M COMING, TOO, RIGHT?

YOU SURE ARE, TAILS. YOU AND I WILL BREAK INTO EGGMAN'S LAB AND GET SONIC OUT!

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, GANG, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!



SUGAH-HOG!
YOU MADE IT
OUT OKAY!

NOT
QUITE!

POW!

OOF!

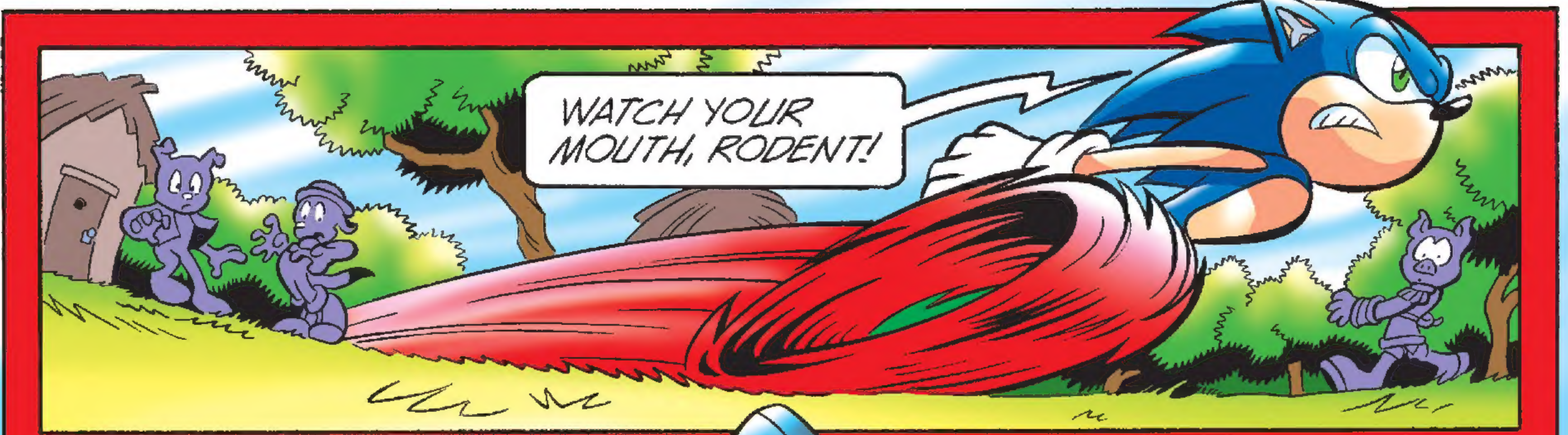
POW!

POW!

POW!

SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
SAL. MY
NEXT TARGET IS
THE KING!

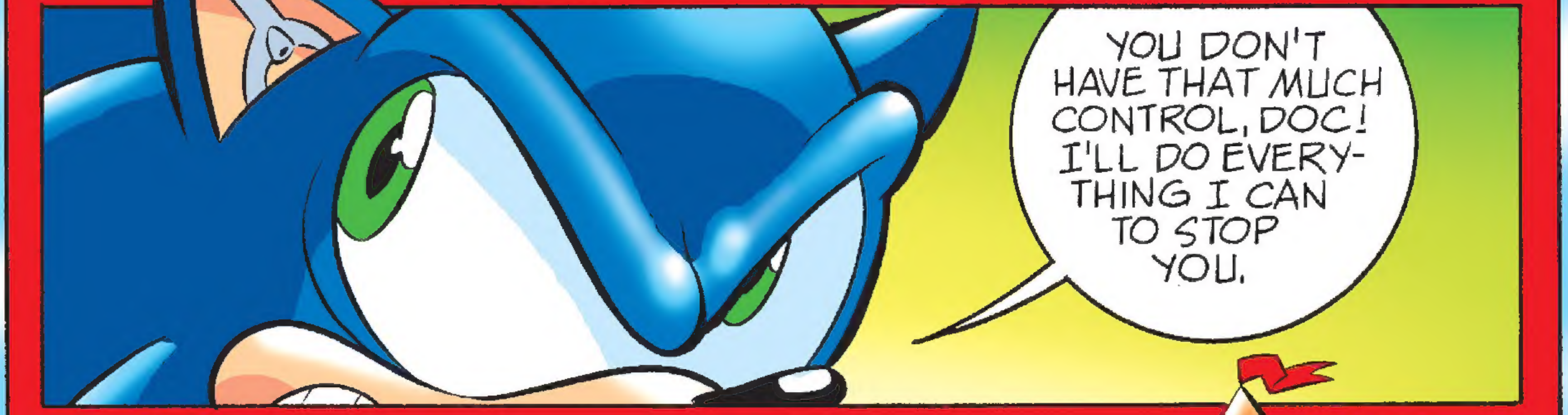
THEN
WE'LL NEED
THE ONE GUY
WHO'S BEEN
ABLE TO TAKE
YOU DOWN...



WATCH YOUR MOUTH, RODENT!



YOU'RE UNDER MY CONTROL NOW! SO NO MORE GIVING AWAY MY PLANS!



YOU DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONTROL, DOC! I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO STOP YOU.



NICE TO KNOW, SINCE WE'LL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP YOU!!

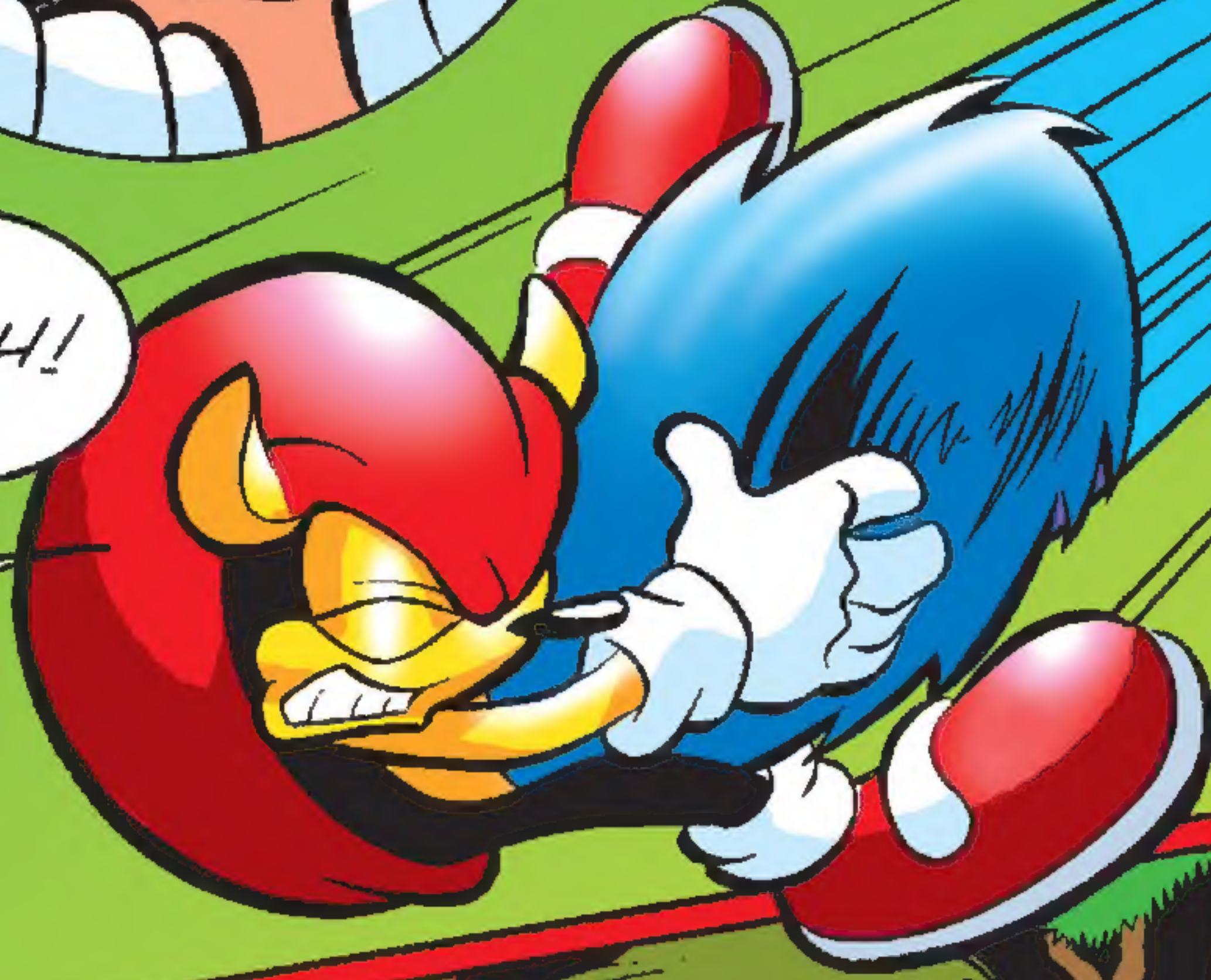


THE CHAOTIX!
HATE TO SAY IT,
GUYS...

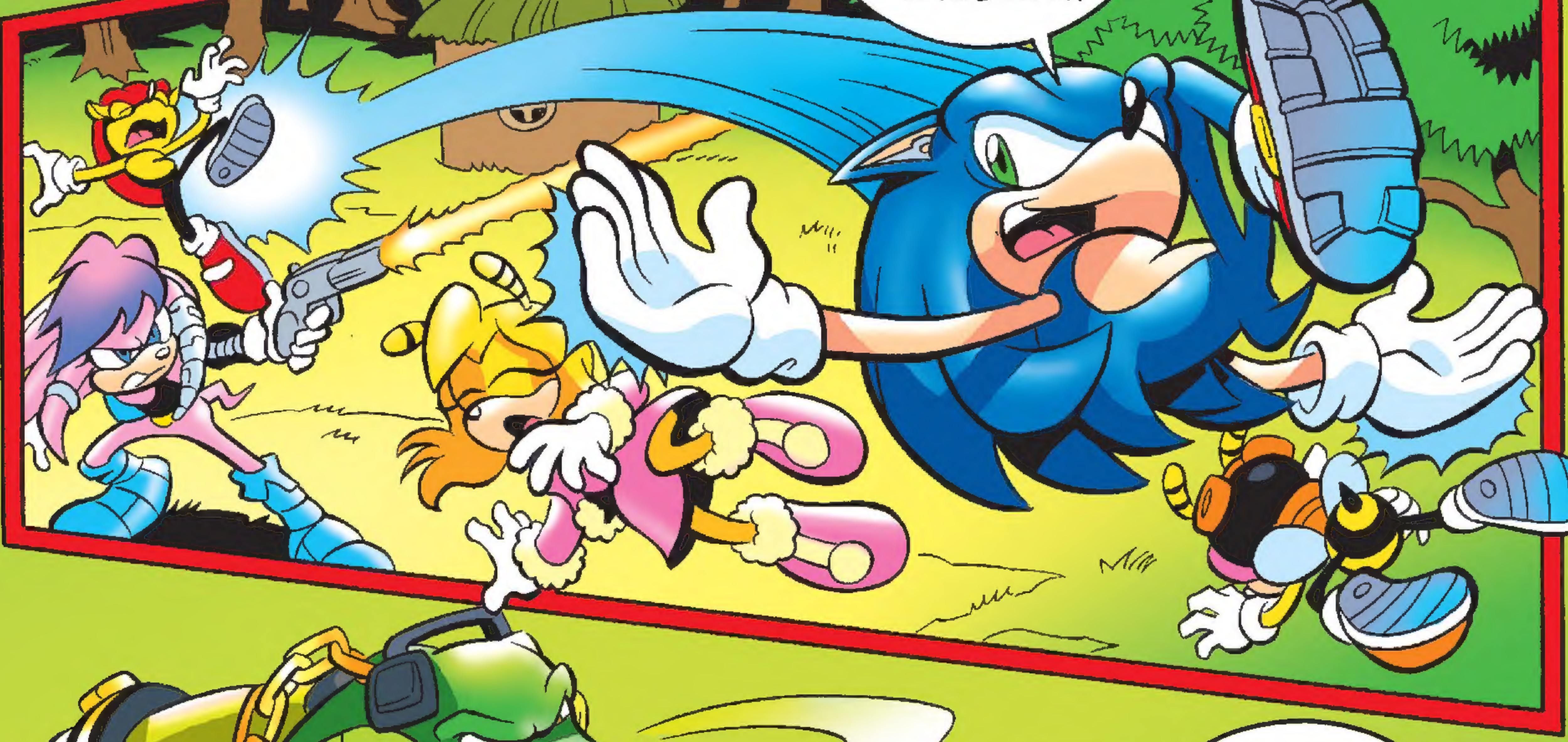


...BUT YOU
WON'T DO
MUCH BETTER
THAN THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

MMPH!

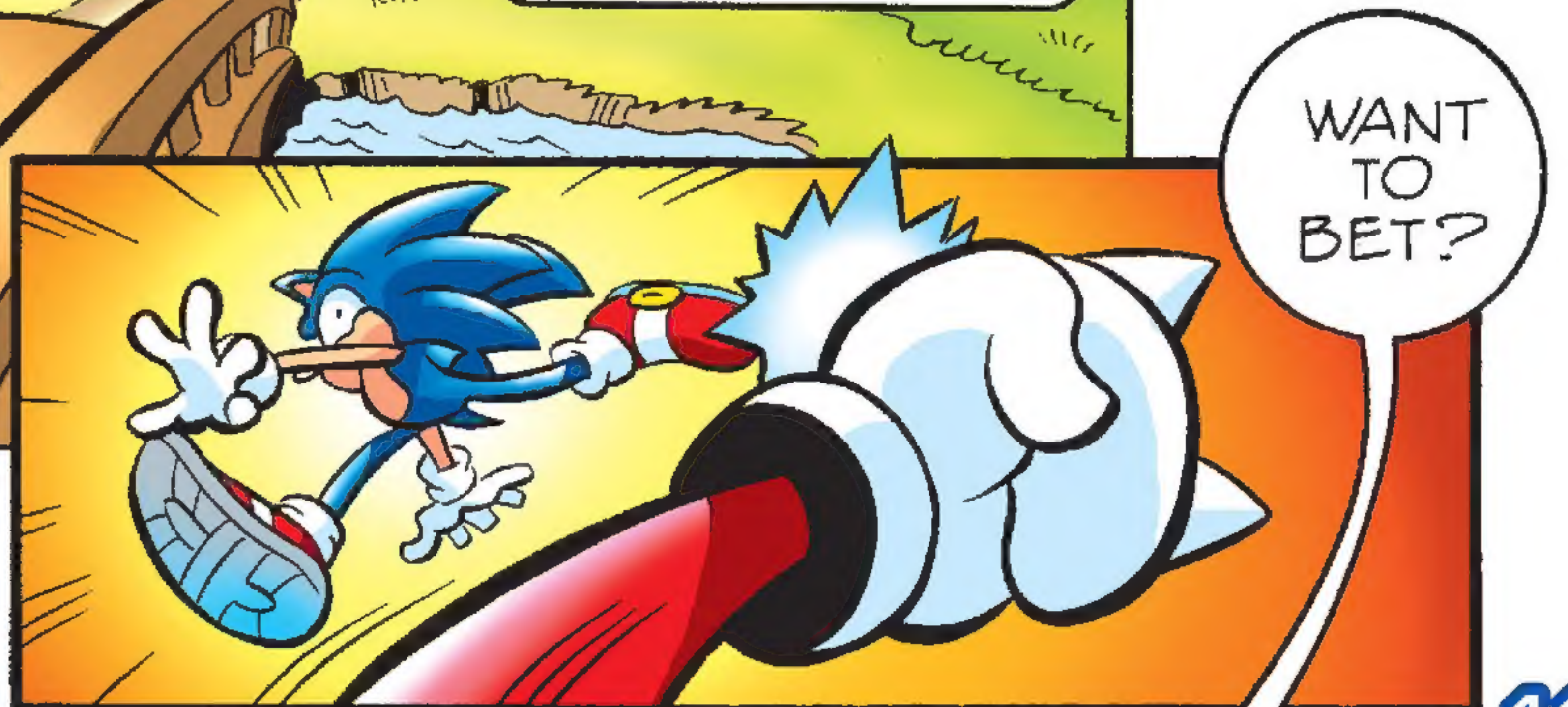
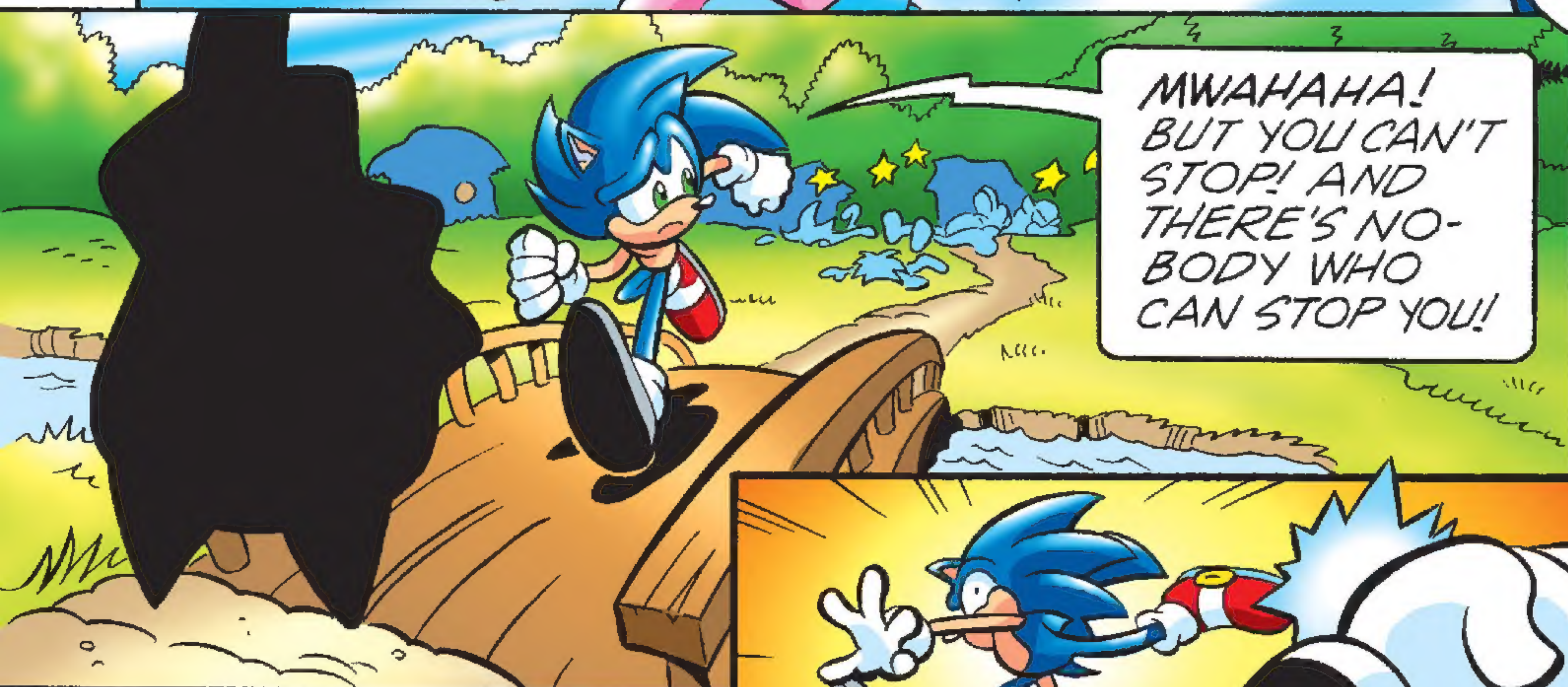
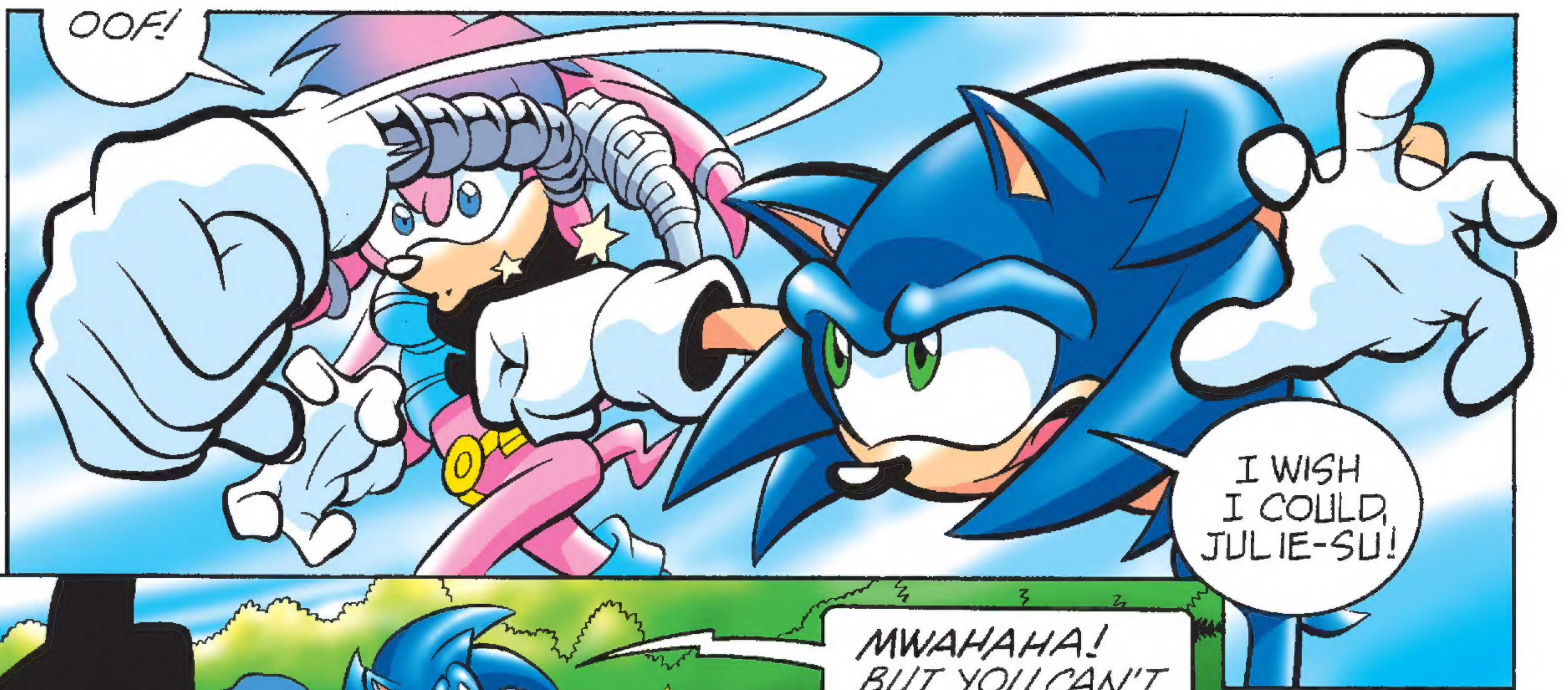
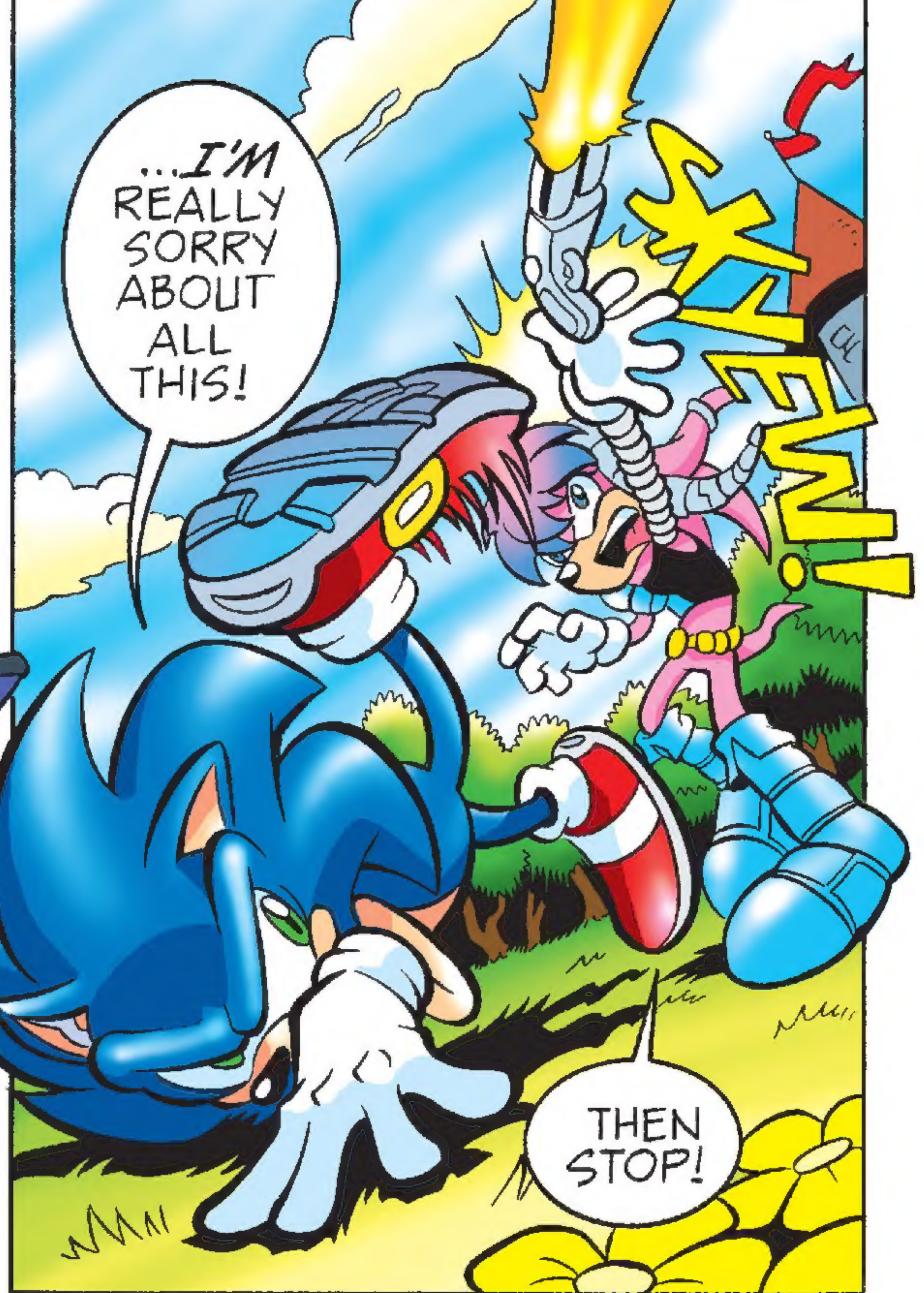


DON'T
GET ME
WRONG...
YOU GUYS
ROCK! BUT
NONE OF YOU
ARE STRONG
ENOUGH...



...OR FAST
ENOUGH!
WHIFFERS!

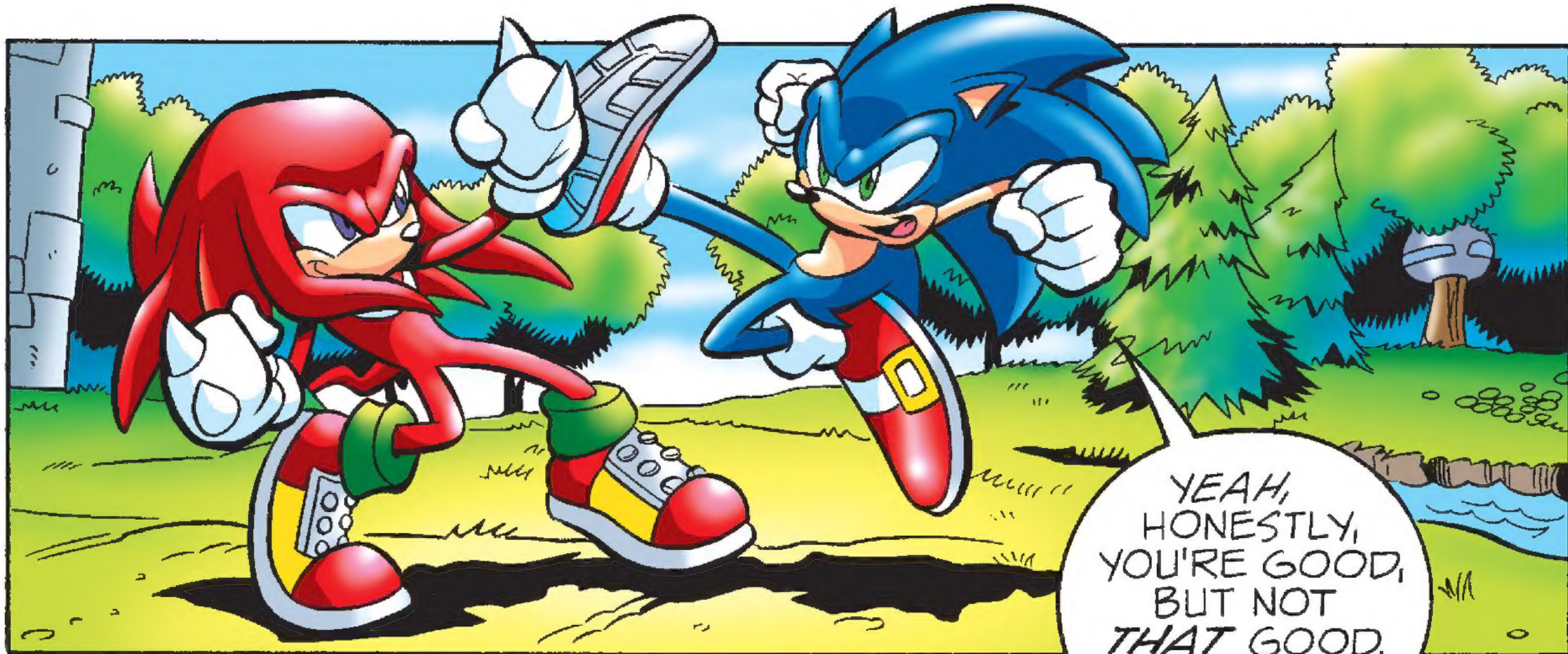




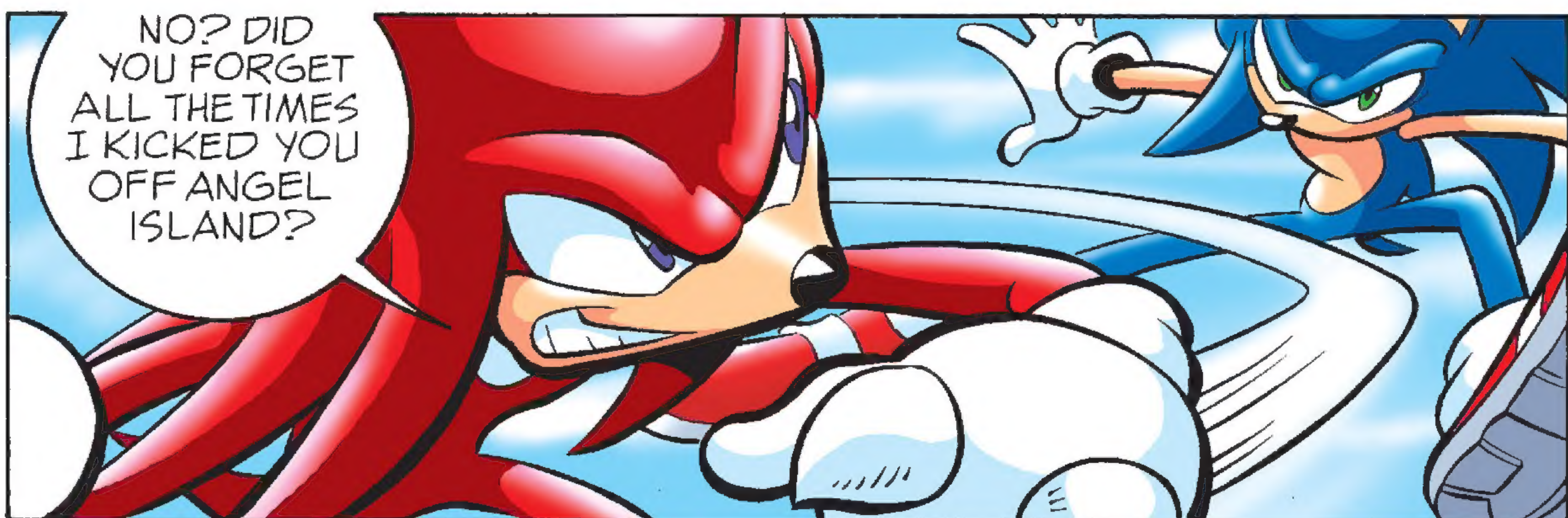


KNUCKLES!
SO YOU'RE THE
"ONLY ONE"
WHO CAN STOP
ME, HUH!?

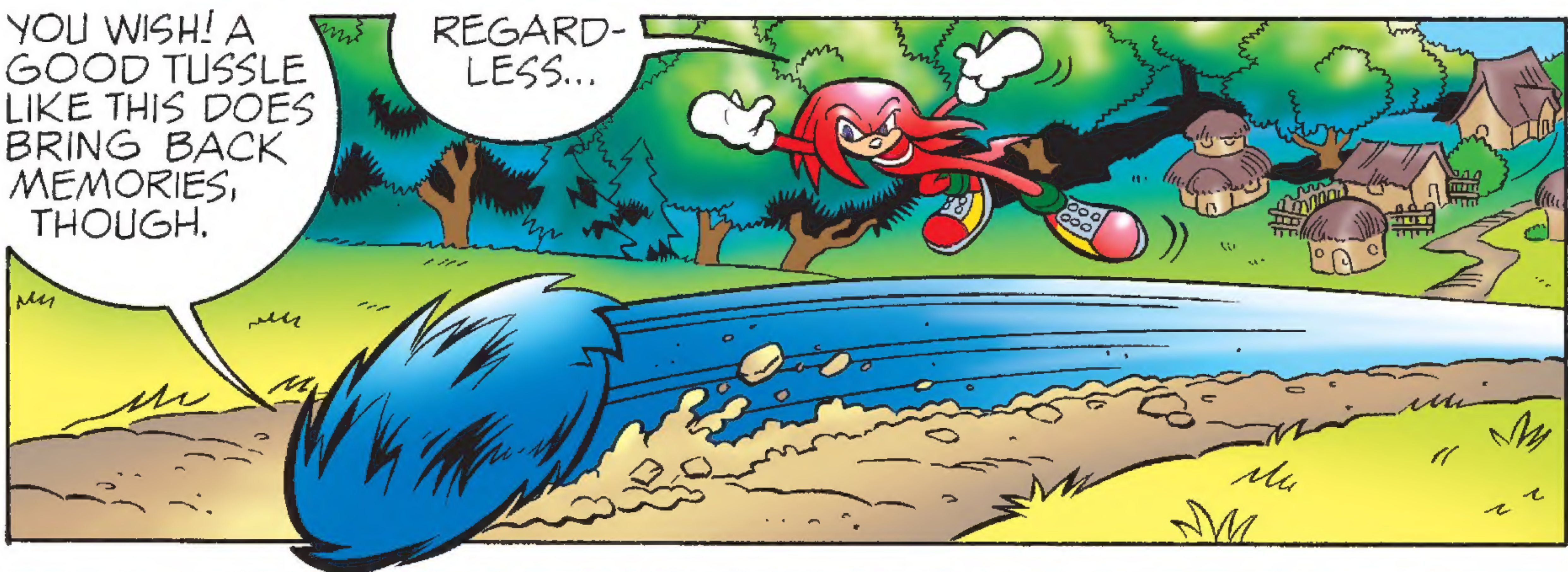
YOU
WERE
EXPECTING
MAYBE
SHADOW
?



YEAH, HONESTLY, YOU'RE GOOD, BUT NOT THAT GOOD.



NO? DID YOU FORGET ALL THE TIMES I KICKED YOU OFF ANGEL ISLAND?



YOU WISH! A GOOD TUSSELE LIKE THIS DOES BRING BACK MEMORIES, THOUGH.

REGARD-LESS...



WHY ARE YOU WASTING MY TIME LIKE THIS?

EGGMAN.

DON'T YOU DARE TELL HIM! I COMMAND YOU TO SHUT UP!

GRAAAH!

HE PUT SOME KIND OF NEURO-CONTROLLER IN MY EAR.

I THOUGHT I HEARD HIS VOICE...

YEAH, HE'S REALLY LOUD AND ANNOYING... I'VE GOT ALMOST NO CONTROL OVER MY BODY, THANKS TO HIM.

IN THAT CASE, I BET ENOUGH BLUNT FORCE TO YOUR HEAD WOULD BREAK THE DEVICE!

ERM, YEAH... I DON'T WANT TO TEST THAT.

OH, DON'T WORRY. I'LL DO IT FOR YOU, BUDDY.

DON'T GO TO THE TROUBLE!

I INSIST-- OOF!



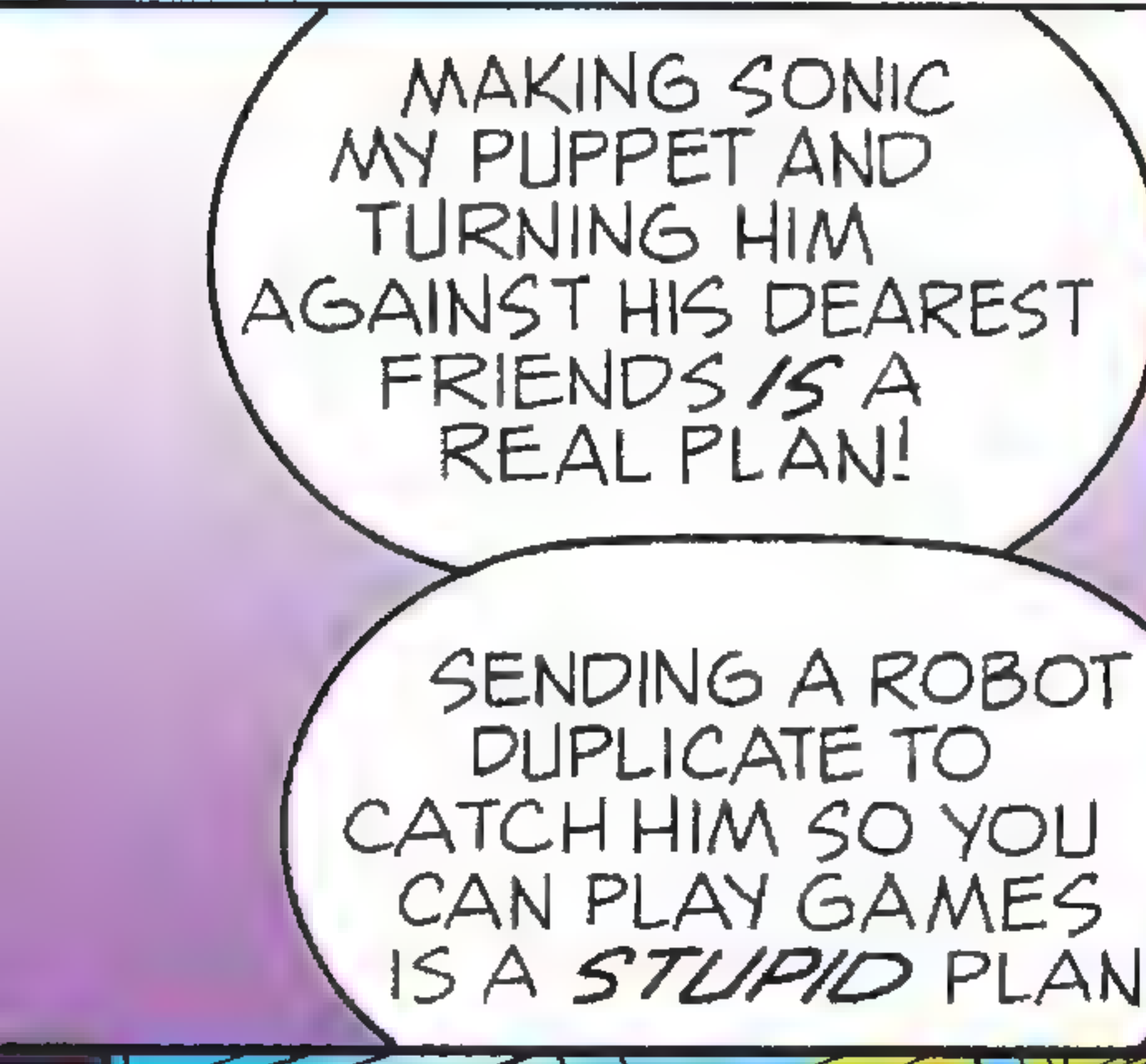
BAH!
THIS ISN'T
GOING WELL
AT ALL!

WHAT A
SURPRISE!



IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
THE CONTROLS ARE
HORRENDOUS! I
SHOULD'VE SPENT
MORE TIME IN
DEVELOPMENT.

NO! YOU
SHOULD'VE
SPENT MORE
TIME BUILDING
ROBOTS AND
MAKING
A REAL
PLAN!



MAKING SONIC
MY PUPPET AND
TURNING HIM
AGAINST HIS DEAREST
FRIENDS IS A
REAL PLAN!

SENDING A ROBOT
DUPLICATE TO
CATCH HIM SO YOU
CAN PLAY GAMES
IS A *STUPID* PLAN!



YOU KEEP ON AND ON
ABOUT THE SUPERIORITY
OF YOUR OWN MACHINES
OVER LIVING THINGS, AND
HERE YOU ARE WASTING
YOUR TIME ON ANOTHER
FUZZY TALKING THING!



GIVE IT A REST,
SNIVELY. YOU
MADE ME MISS
MY JUMP!

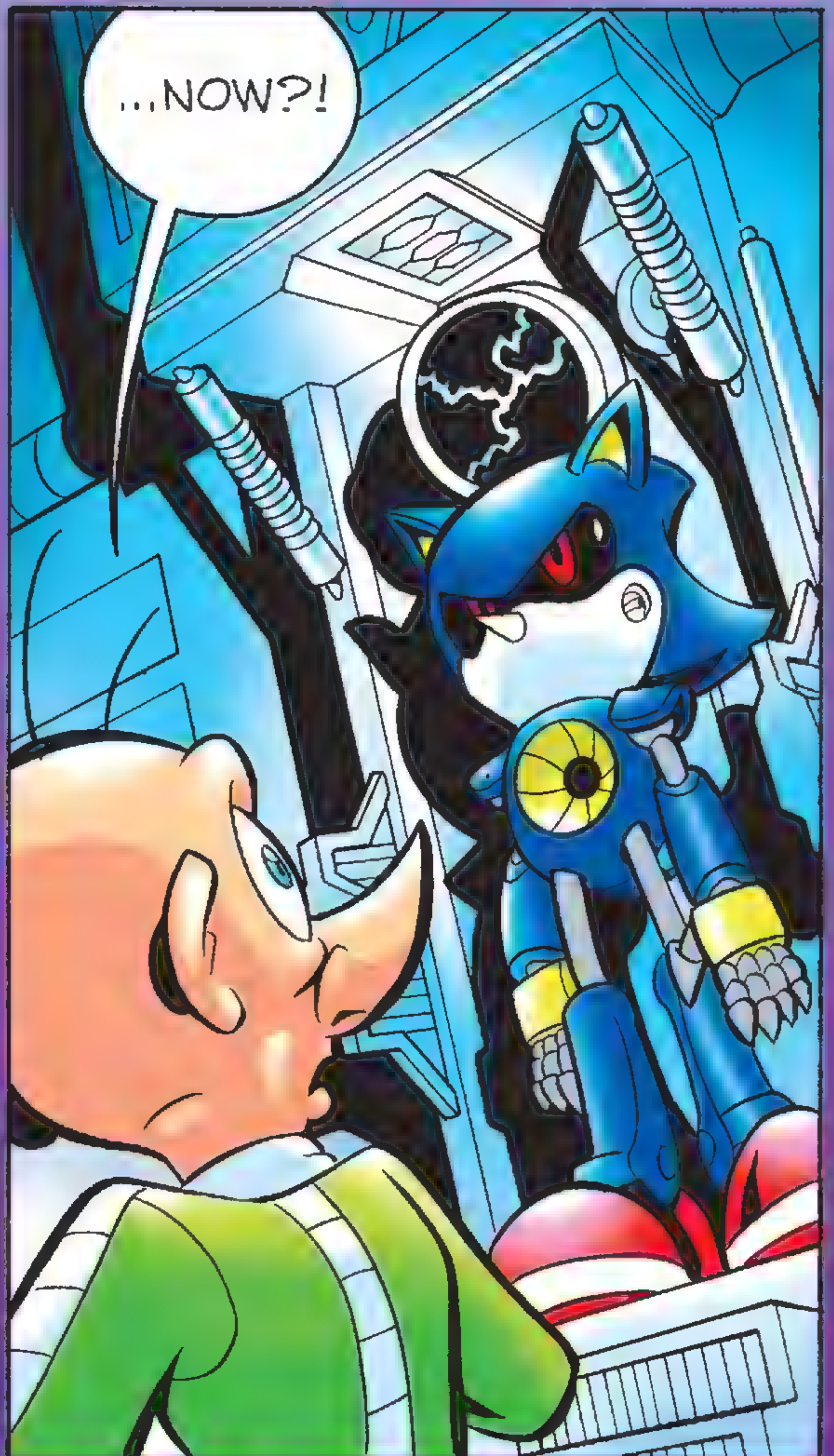




ONE MORE CONVOLUTED
PLAN READY TO BLOW UP
IN YOUR FACE, EH, UNCLE?
AND WHO WILL BE BLAMED
WHEN IT DOES, EH?
ME, THAT'S WHO.



ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOUR
EMPIRE WILL BE RIPE FOR THE
PICKING, AND THEN IT'LL BE
ALL MINE. SOMETIMES I
WONDER WHY I KEEP
WAITING AND DON'T
MAKE MY MOVE...



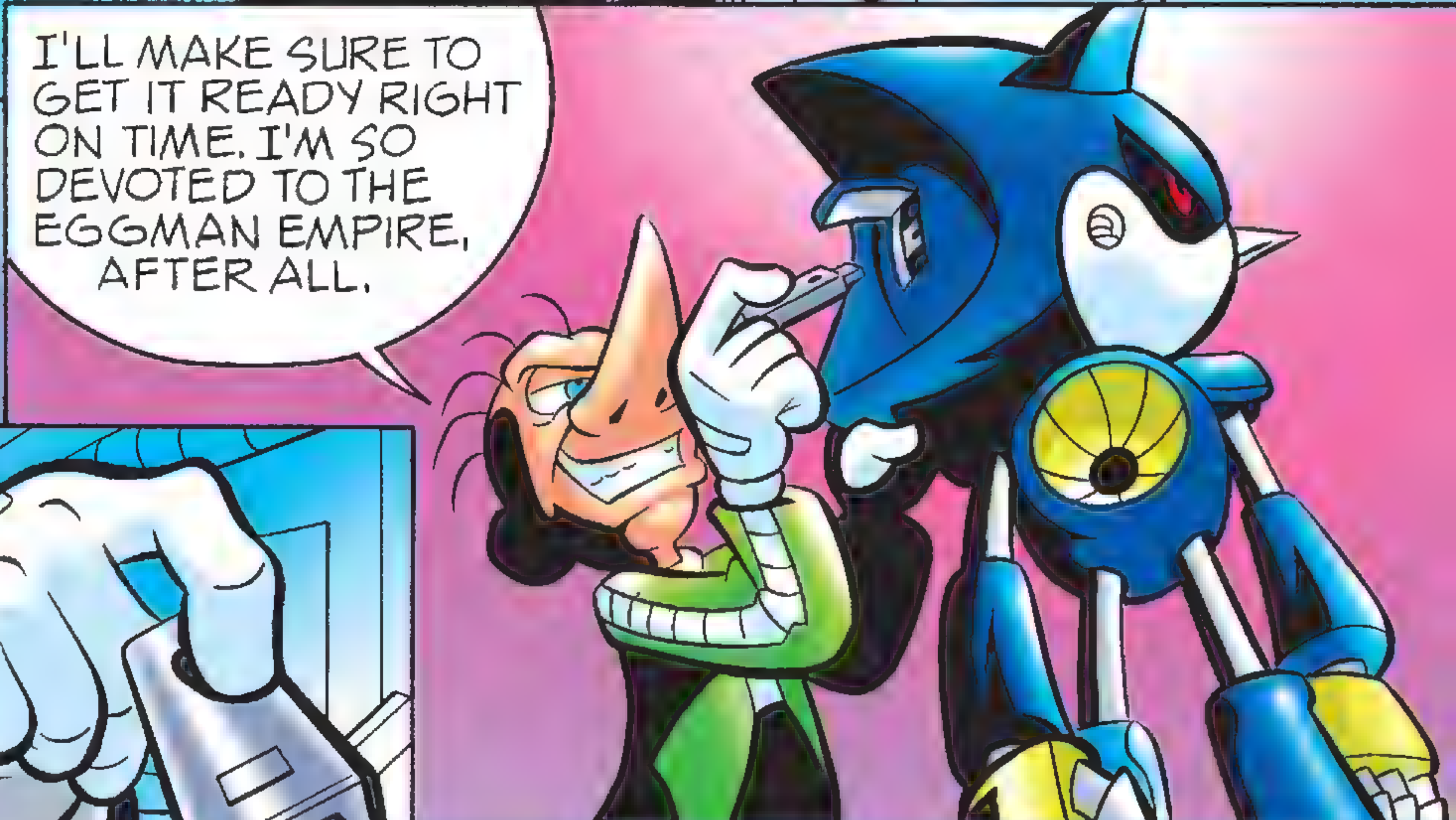
...NOW?!




YES...
WHY WAIT
AT ALL?



JUST TO
UPDATE YOU,
THE EGG FLEET'S
PREPARATION
IS RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE.



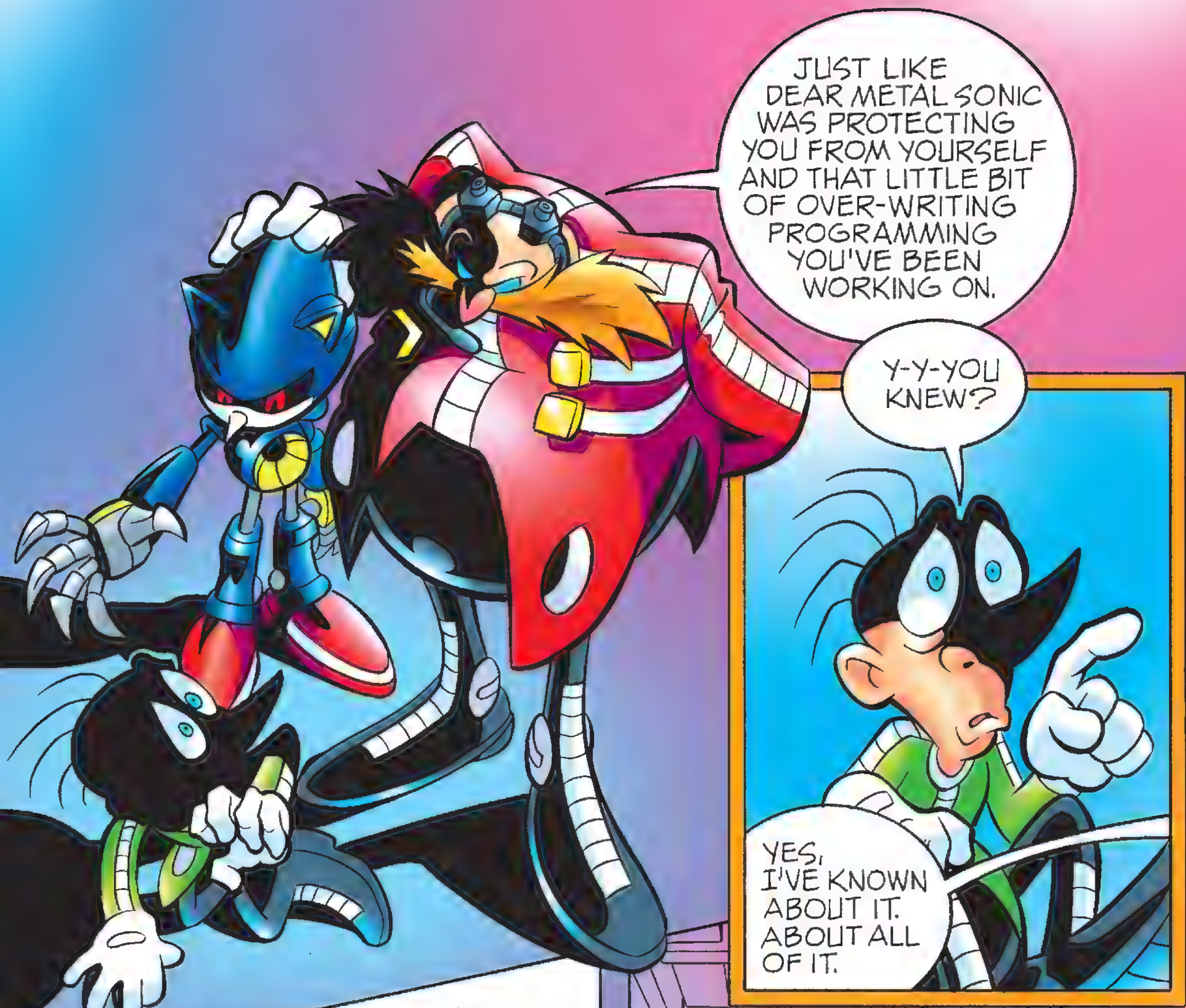
I'LL MAKE SURE TO
GET IT READY RIGHT
ON TIME. I'M SO
DEVOTED TO THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE,
AFTER ALL.



I KNOW
YOU ARE,
SNIVELY. EVEN
WITH ALL YOUR
PAST TREACHERY,
I KNOW YOU
ARE LOYAL.



THAT'S WHY
EVERYTHING IN
NEW MEGAOPOLIS
IS PROGRAMMED
TO WATCH YOU.
ALL OF MY ROBOTS
WILL *HELP* YOU TO
REMEMBER YOUR
LOYALTY.



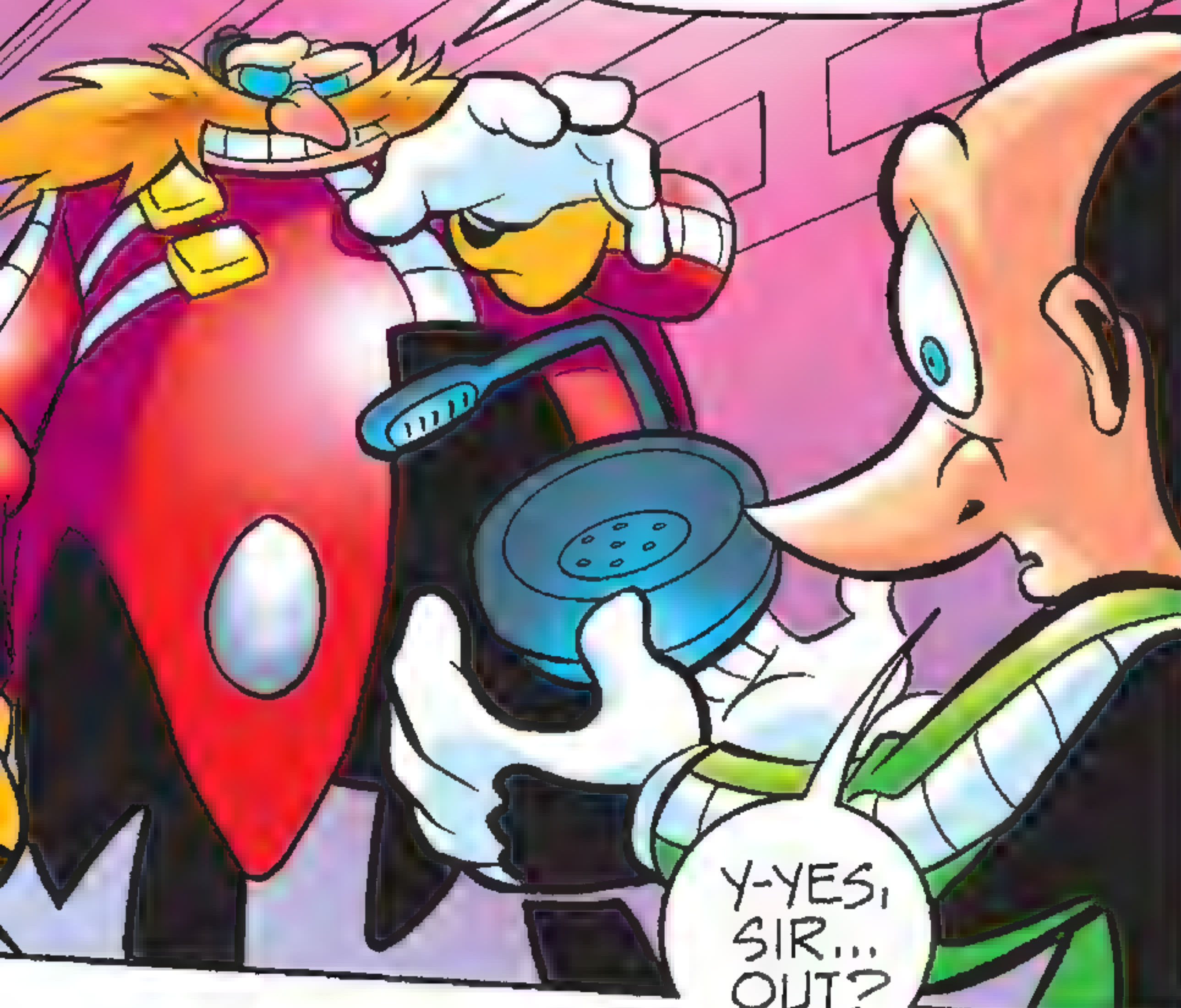
JUST LIKE DEAR METAL SONIC WAS PROTECTING YOU FROM YOURSELF AND THAT LITTLE BIT OF OVER-WRITING PROGRAMMING YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON.

Y-Y-YOU KNEW?

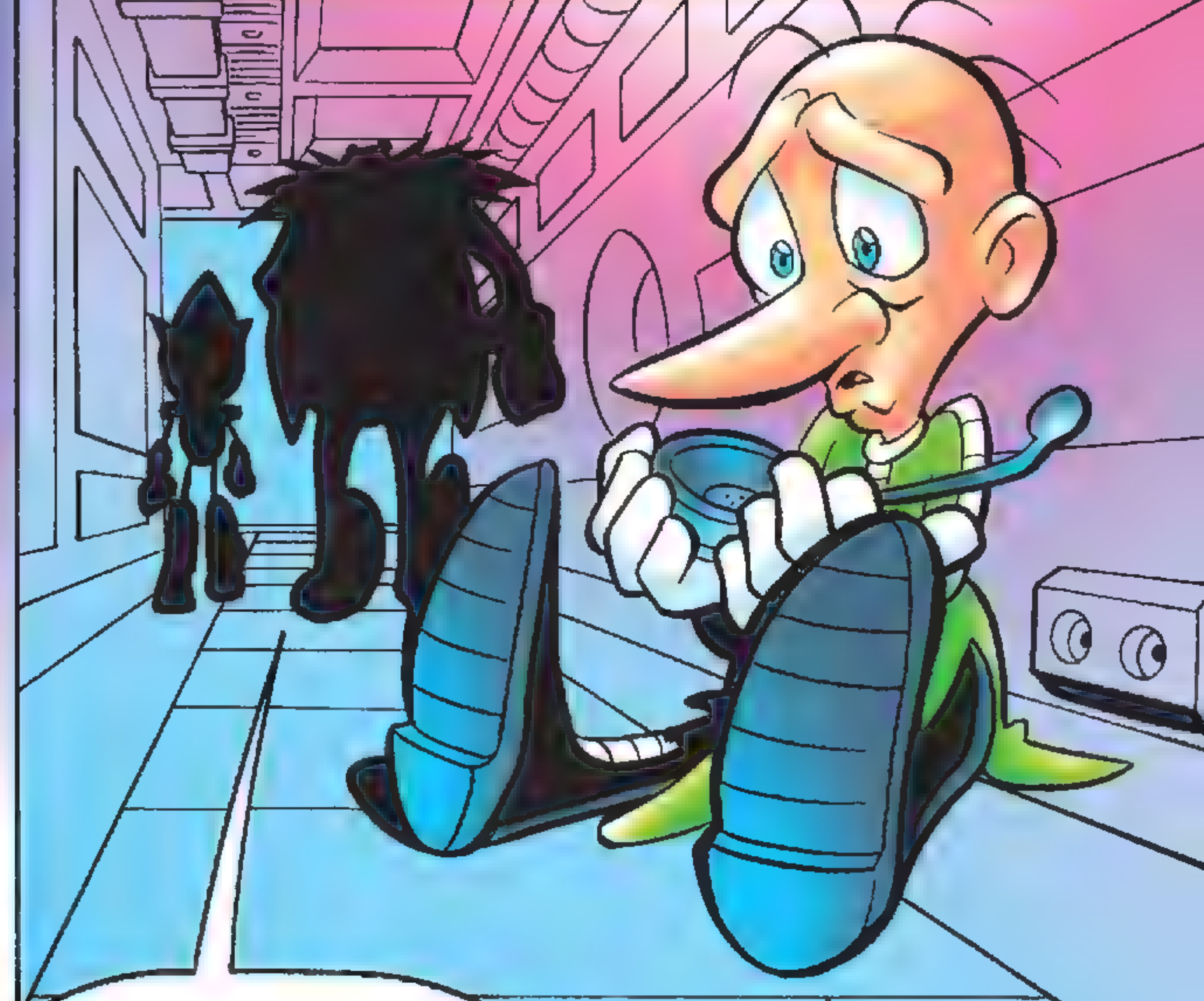


YES, I'VE KNOWN ABOUT IT. ABOUT ALL OF IT.

WHILE I'M OUT, WHY DON'T YOU BE A GOOD AND LOYAL NEPHEW AND PULL THE PLUG ON ALL YOUR MISGUIDED, TREASONOUS PROJECTS?

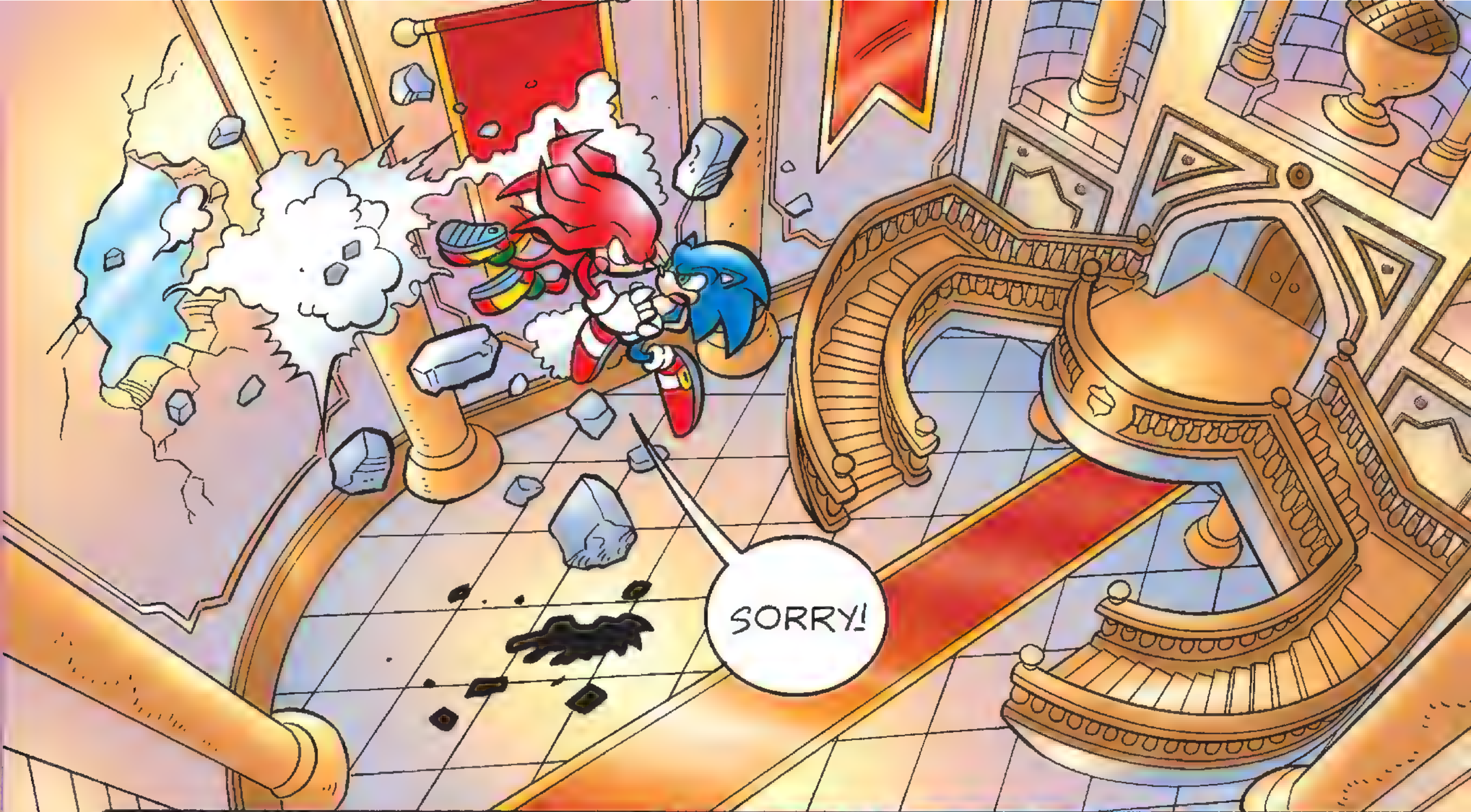


Y-YES, SIR... OUT?

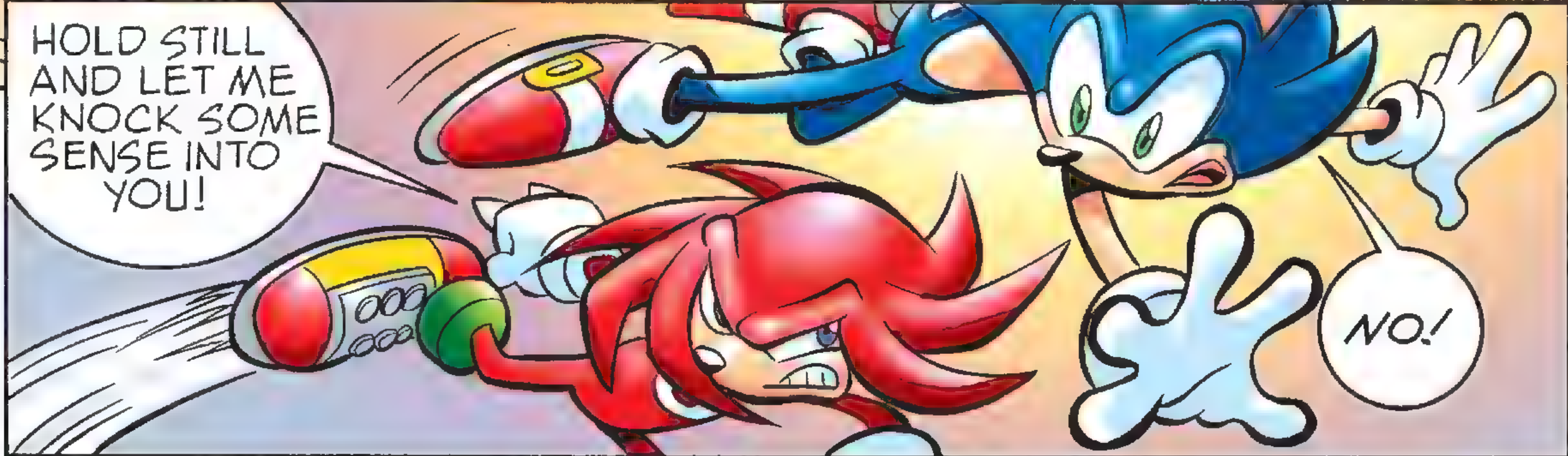


I'VE SET SONIC TO AUTO-BRAWL. THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE IT'LL NEED MY PERSONAL TOUCH AFTER ALL. I'LL BE BACK SOON.

Y-YES, SIR. OF COURSE, SIR.

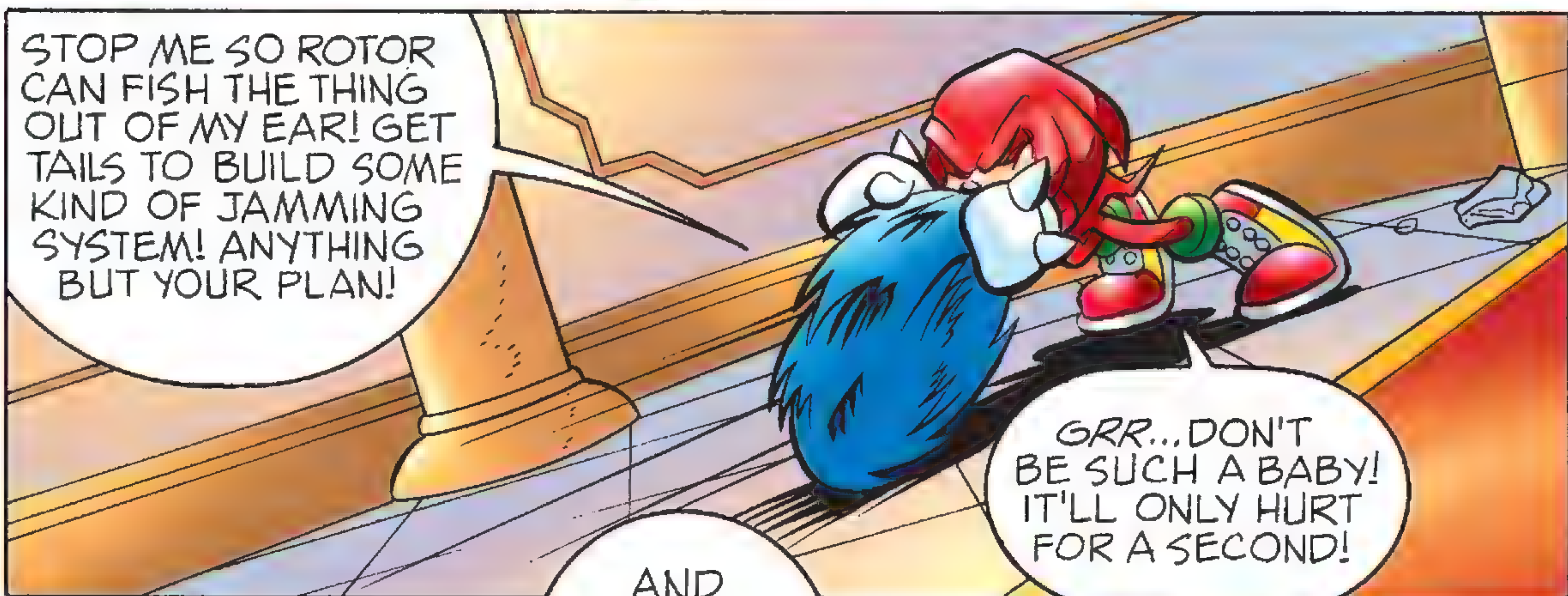


SORRY!



HOLD STILL AND LET ME KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO YOU!

NO!



STOP ME SO ROTOR CAN FISH THE THING OUT OF MY EAR! GET TAILS TO BUILD SOME KIND OF JAMMING SYSTEM! ANYTHING BUT YOUR PLAN!

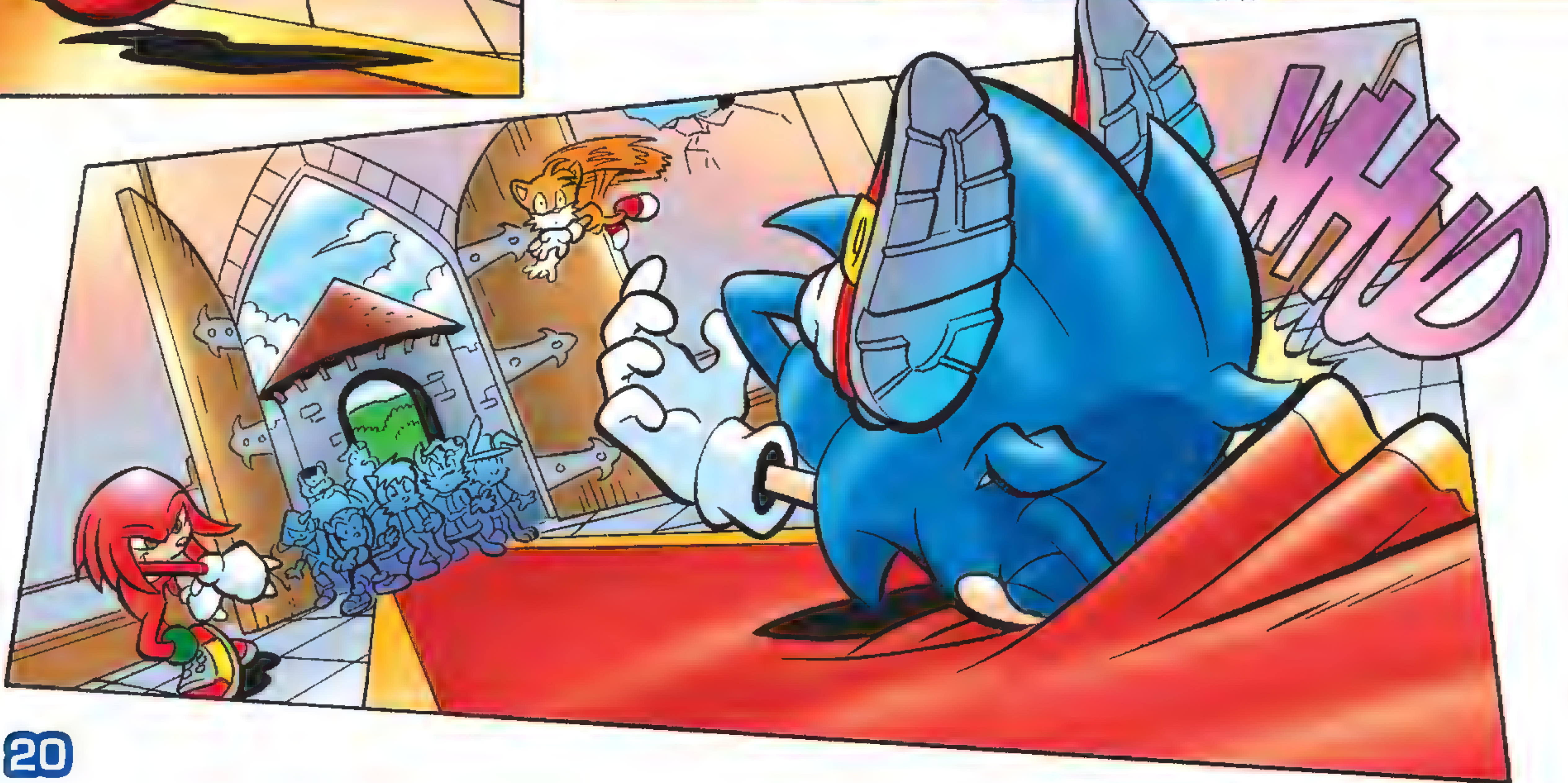
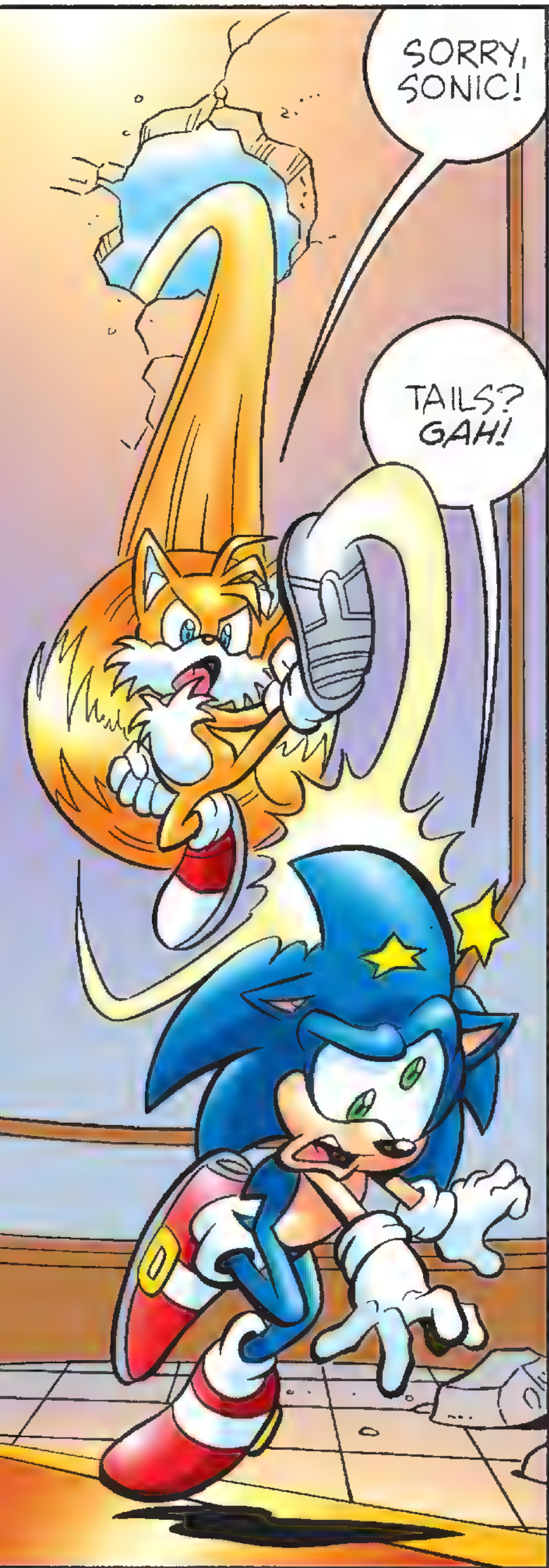
GRR... DON'T BE SUCH A BABY! IT'LL ONLY HURT FOR A SECOND!



AND WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK AFTER ONE HIT?

THEN WE'LL TRY IT SOME MORE!

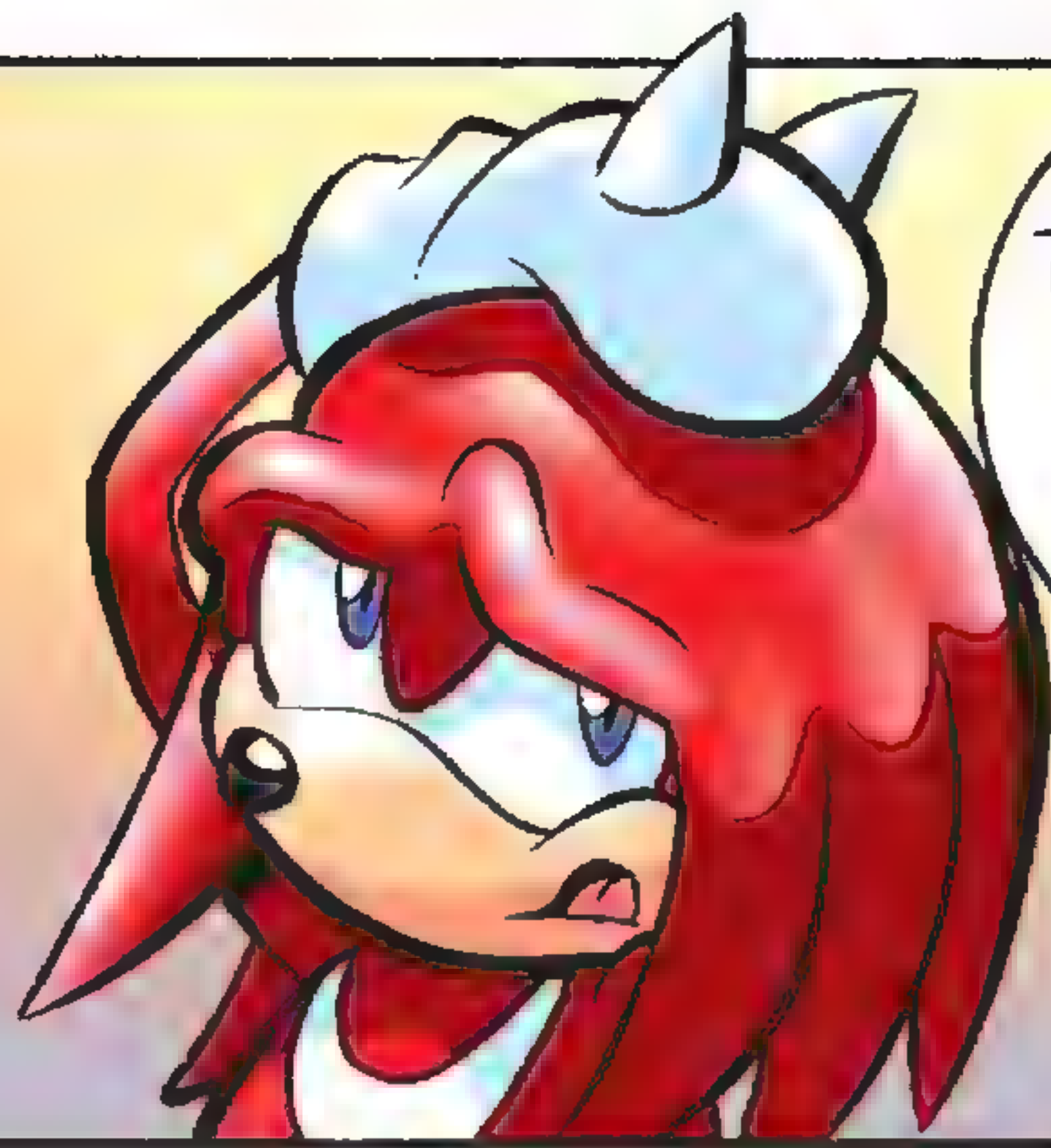
YEAH, SEE? NO!



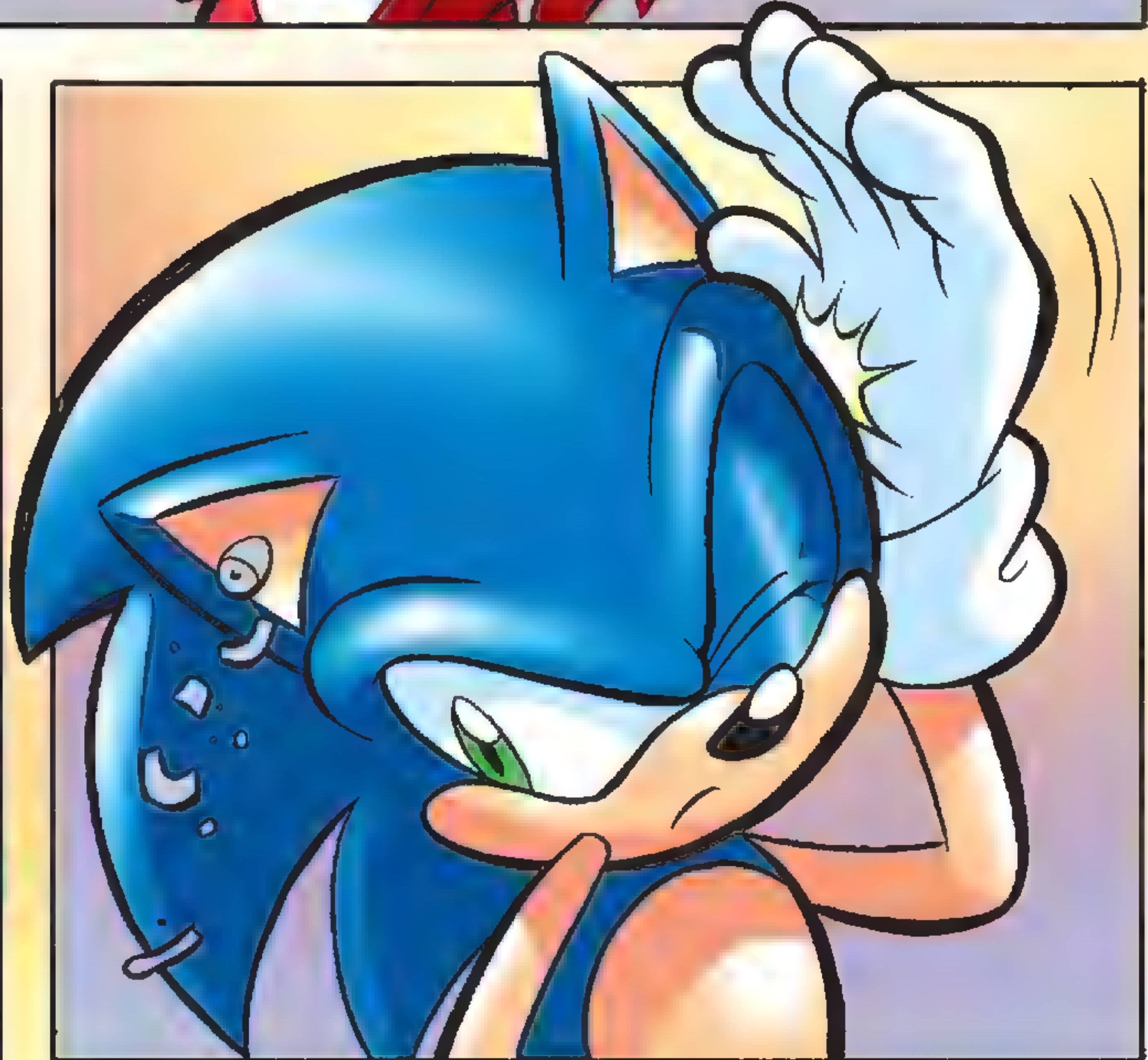
KNUCKLES! YOU NEARLY TOOK HIS HEAD OFF!



BUT...THE THING IN HIS HEAD...I'M SURE IT BROKE ...?



...OOGAH...



LOOKS LIKE YOUR BRILLIANT IDEA WORKED, KNUX. THANKS.

HAHAHA! OF COURSE IT DID! JUST LIKE I PLANNED!

ARE YOU SURE YOU WEREN'T JUST PLAYING IT BY EAR?



IT'S TOO EARLY FOR VICTORIOUS PUNS, TAILS!



OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE...

...WOULD YOU GIVE IT A REST?! I'VE HAD A LONG DAY.

THERE'S NO REST FOR THE VIRTUOUS, RODENT! YOUR COLLECTIVE EXHAUSTION HAS PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.

NOW WITH YOU ALL SO BATTLE-WEARY, YOU'RE RIPE FOR CAPTURE! I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF ALL YOUR BODIES AND USE YOU AS MY VANGUARD!

YOU'VE ALL PROVEN YOUR POWER WHILE TANGLING WITH SONIC! CONGRATULATIONS! NOW, METAL SONIC, **GET THEM!**



CARE TO SHARE IN THE PAYBACK, GUYS?



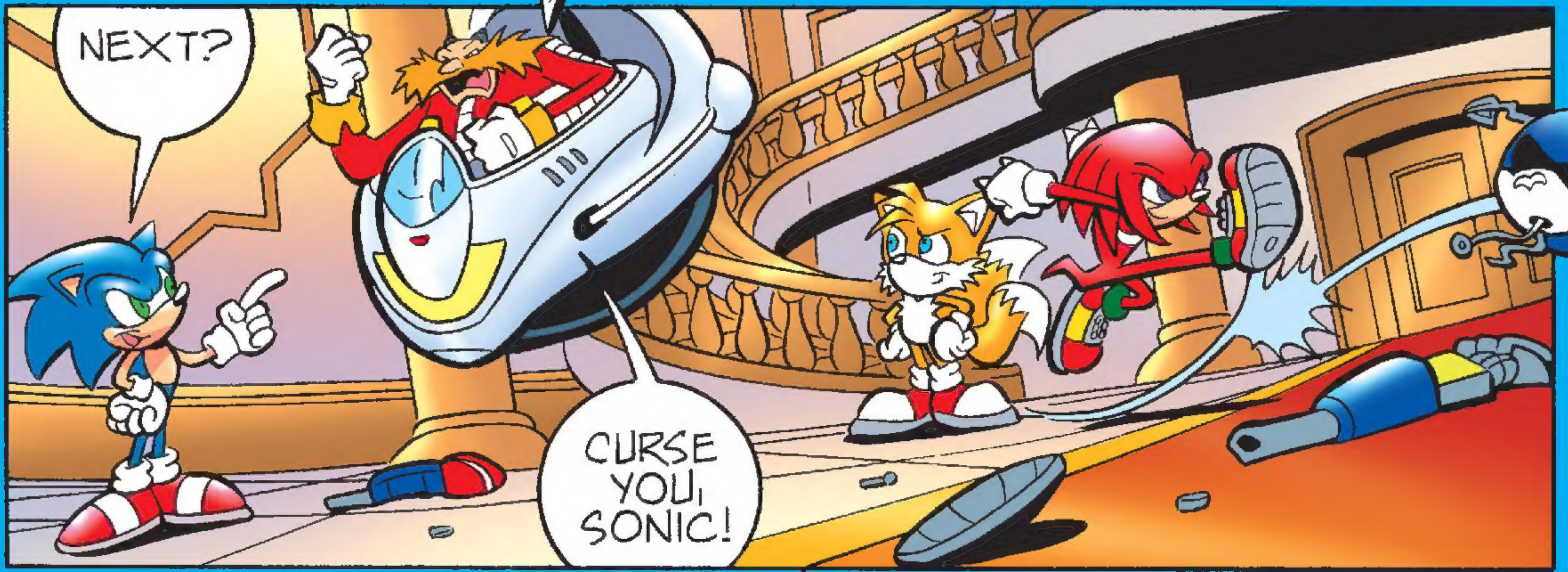
MY PLEASURE!



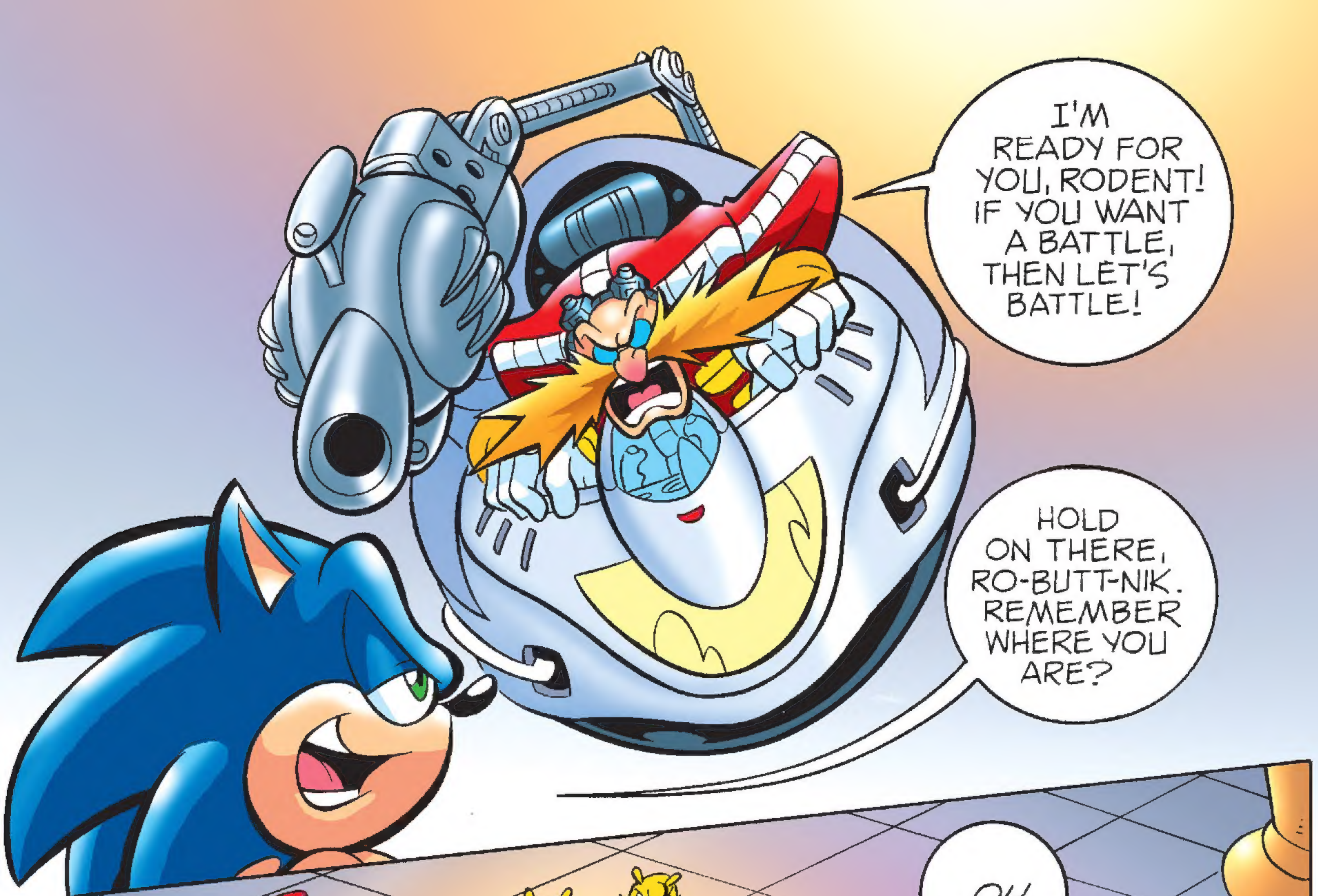
I FEEL LIKE HITTING ONE MORE HEDGEHOG HEAD!



NEXT?

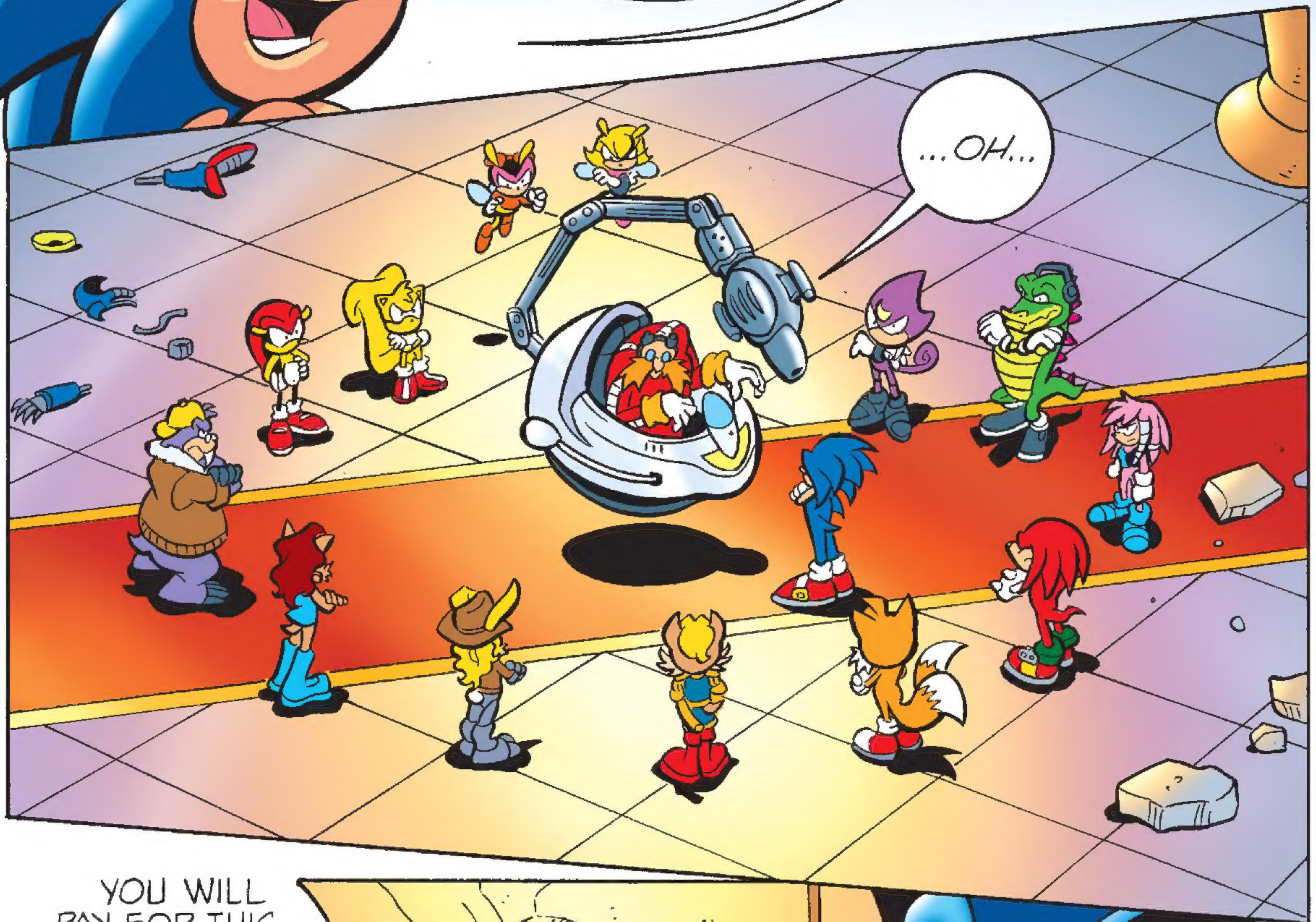


CURSE YOU, SONIC!



I'M READY FOR YOU, RODENT! IF YOU WANT A BATTLE, THEN LET'S BATTLE!

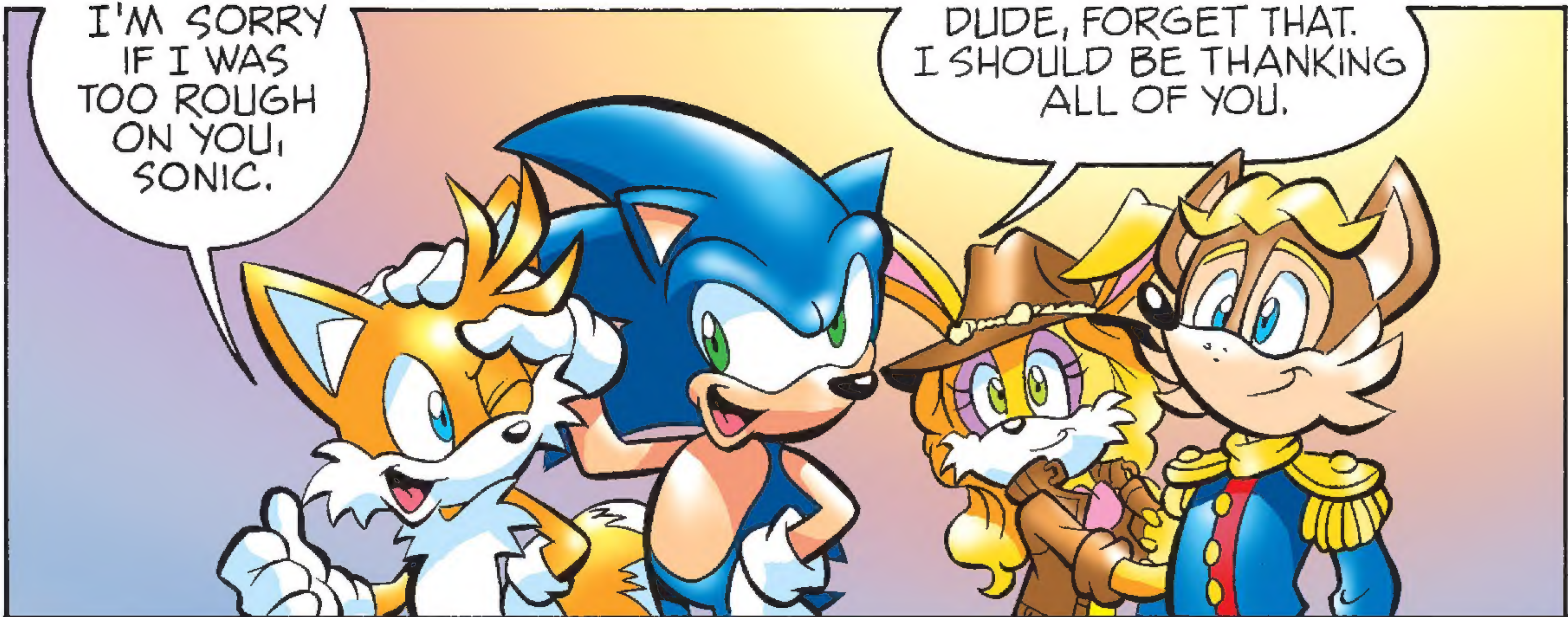
HOLD ON THERE, RO-BUTT-NIK. REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE?



...OH...

YOU WILL PAY FOR THIS EMBARRASSMENT! I WILL SEE THE KINGDOM OF ACORN BURNED TO THE GROUND!

SUUUUURE YOU WILL!

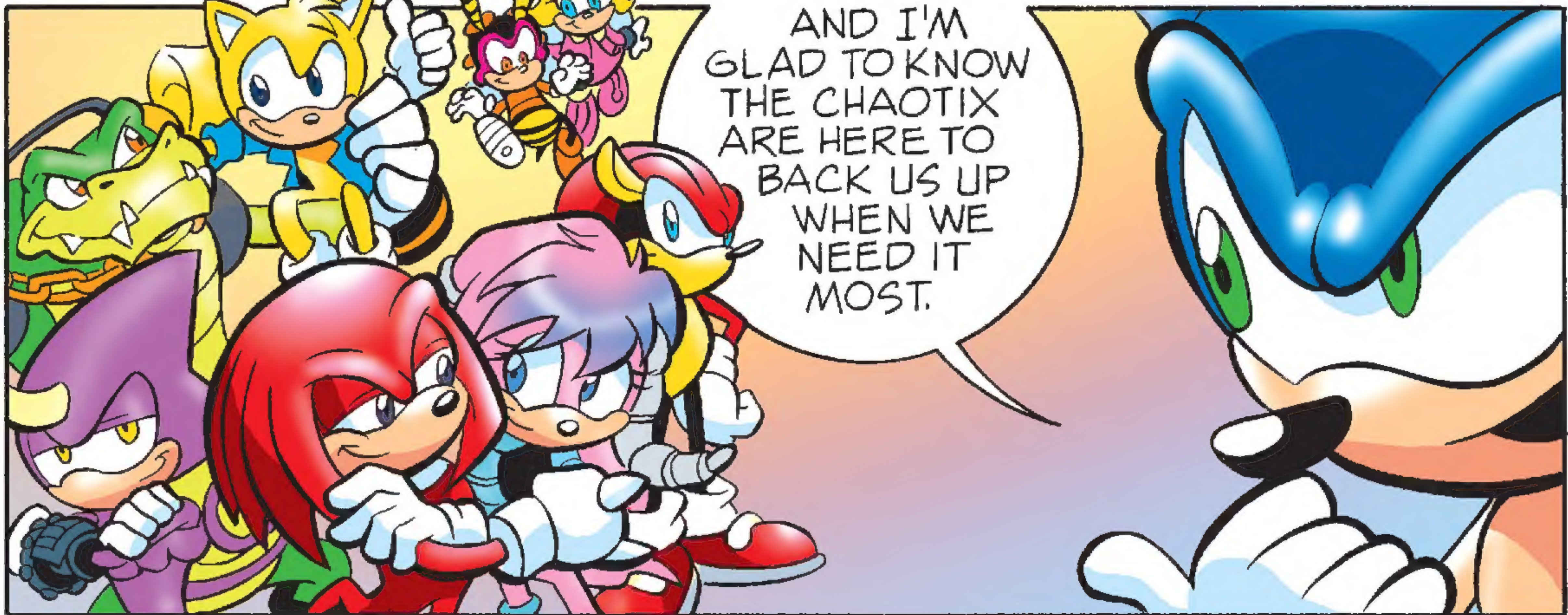


I'M SORRY
IF I WAS
TOO ROUGH
ON YOU,
SONIC.

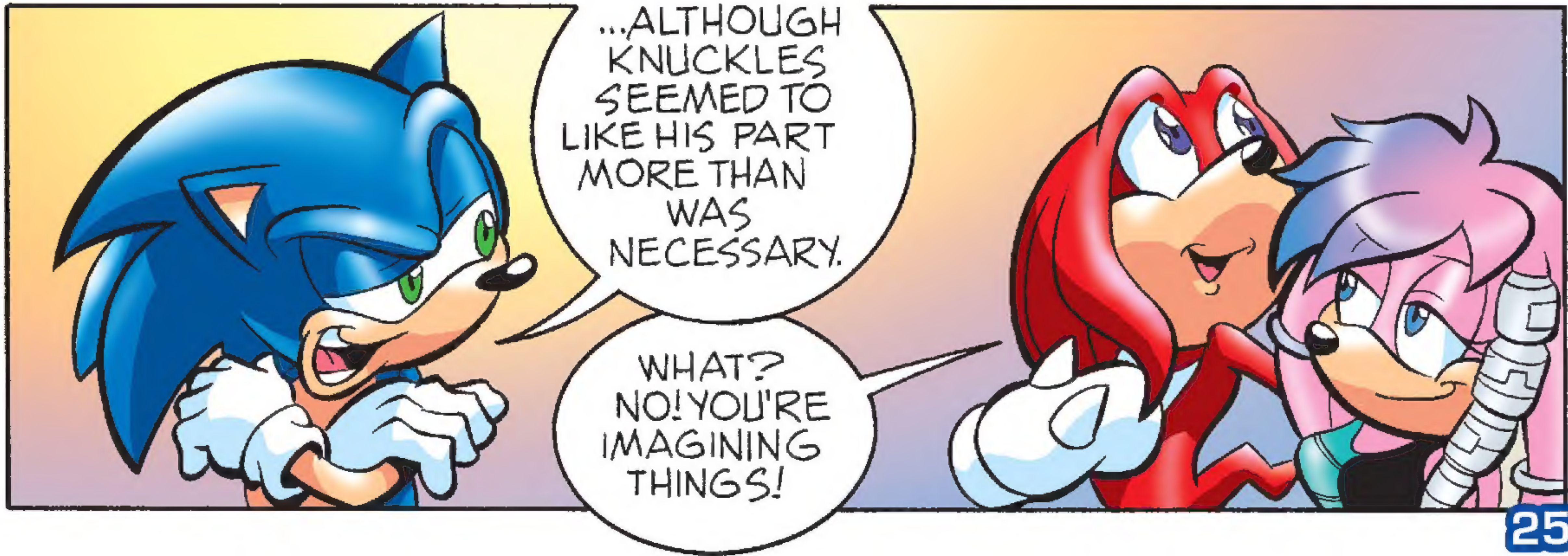
DUDE, FORGET THAT.
I SHOULD BE THANKING
ALL OF YOU.



I'M HAPPY I CAN COUNT
ON MY FRIENDS TO DO THE
RIGHT THING AND STILL
LOOK OUT FOR ME.



AND I'M
GLAD TO KNOW
THE CHAOTIX
ARE HERE TO
BACK US UP
WHEN WE
NEED IT
MOST.



...ALTHOUGH
KNUCKLES
SEEMED TO
LIKE HIS PART
MORE THAN
WAS
NECESSARY.

WHAT?
NO! YOU'RE
IMAGINING
THINGS!

GRRR...
THAT'S IT,
SNIVELY.
NO MORE
FUN AND
GAMES.

D-DO
YOU
MEAN
...?

IT'S TIME WE
SETTLED THE SCORE.
FINISH READING
THE EGG FLEET.

HERE
I COME,
SONIC.

END.